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## COMING BATTLE.

### SKIRMISHES ALREADY REPORTED.

#### SUN'S TROOPS REPULSED.

According to Chinese reports, despite the hard winter weather, military operations have begun in the Chekiang area, and it is stated that slight skirmishes have taken place between the troops of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and forces commanded by General Chow Feng-chi, a Chekiang leader who has now gone over to the Southern cause. These have occurred in the vicinity of Fuyeng, situated on the north banks of the Taining River about forty miles south of Hangchow.

#### VENTURE FAILS.

It appears that on the 26th instant, an attempt was made by some of the troops of Marshal Sun to cross the river and effect the sudden capture of Fuyeng, these forces being divided into three groups. The venture, however, is said to have failed, several of the "attackers" being drowned and others disarmed, whilst the remainder fled.

It is reported that the Southern troops are now advancing in the direction of Hangchow.

#### COMING OPERATIONS.

In view of more extended military operations which will probably take place very shortly, it is doubtful whether General Chang Kai-shek will be able to attend the inauguration of the Nationalist Government and the Hupeh Provincial Government if, as thought possible, this dual event should take place on January 1st. Current reports state that four Army Corps, the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th, are being assigned to western Chekiang by the Southern Command and that two independent Divisions will operate in the southern and eastern districts of the province.

As regards the Anhui situation, General Tang Sung-chi is in command of a very large force composed of his own Army Corps and troops of the Hupeh and Kweliow units, in opposition to Marshal Chang Chung-chang.

#### ALLIES SPLIT.

The forces under the command of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang are split and many Chekiang units have gone over to the Nationalists. The coming battle, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's chances of success will depend upon the extent of the reinforcements from Marshal Chang Chung-chang. From the disposition of the Southern Armies on the Anhui-Shantung frontier, Marshal Chang Chung-chang may be able to despatch reinforcements to any considerable extent. It is stated that the people of Chekiang have been further urged against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang on account of his having issued an order for the arrest of Tsai Yuan-Pei, Shu Fook Tun Kang and other influential and prominent citizens, and that his troops are being treated as invaders and not as friends and defenders.

#### THE SOUTHERN ARMIES.

According to a high military officer in Canton, up to the present some 180,000 men have been despatched to the front by the Nationalists and there are now from 140,000 to 150,000 fighting men on the various battle-fronts. The casualties so far have been about 35,000 officers and men. There are still some 60,000 available men to defend Kwangtung and to suppress bandits and pirates.

Since the war, about 60,000 men have undergone intensive training, for filling up the vacancies caused by the ravages of the war. Out of these, only 10,000 young recruits were enlisted, the others being ex-bandits and reprieved soldiers.

## CANTON'S EXTREMISTS ACTIVE.

### MOVEMENT AGAINST THE MODERATES.

#### A KUOMINTANG SPLIT?

Rumours prevail in Canton to the effect that the radical elements in the Kuomintang are contriving to devise a scheme for getting rid of the more moderate officials, in which connection the names of General Li Chai-sum and General Chien-Ta-chun, the Commissioner of Public Safety, are mentioned as being particularly obnoxious to the extremists.

It is said that followers of Mr. Wang Ching-wai are at the back of the movement and that they are arranging to hold a big anti-Christian demonstration for February 10th, but that this is really a "bait" for the purpose of concealing their real intentions.

A Chinese correspondent says it is not possible to state how far these rumours are true, but it is evident that a serious split has occurred in the ranks of the Kuomintang since Generals Li and Chien, acting on instructions from General Chang Kai-shek, announced "drastic" actions to suppress labour agitations. Communists in Canton are said to be openly denouncing these two officials, accusing them of being militarists rather than friends of the labour movement.

#### AMERICAN TANGLE.

#### HAS THE U. S. BLUNDERED?

London, Dec. 28. The Times' Washington correspondent says that the Central and South American representatives at Washington, consider the United States guilty of a blunder of the first magnitude when it permitted Marines to be landed at Puerto Cabezas, ostensibly to establish a neutral zone for the protection of American lives and property but really in order to destroy Sacasa's Liberal Government.

There is not the least question in the mind of anyone understanding the position, that the landing was intended to hit the Mexican Government by a ricochet. Sacasa, feeling that his cause was gaining, rejected attempts by Guatemala and Costa Rica to mediate between him and Diaz, whose Presidency is recognised by the United States. It is now likely that Mexico, which recognised Sacasa, will endeavour to secure the election in Honduras of a Government hostile to Diaz.

Reuter.

#### OPIUM SMUGGLER.

#### TAKES A COLD PLUNGE.

On failing to escape detection by a Chinese revenue officer, whose suspicions were aroused by an unusual bulge in the man's jacket, an opium smuggler sought to evade arrest by jumping into the water, cold as it was, from the waterfront yesterday.

When the case came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day, the revenue officer said he pulled the man out by means of a hook.

Two previous convictions were proved against the defendant, who was a seaman from the steamer Cheungchau, and he was now mulcted in a fine of \$2,000, or eight months' hard labour, the charge being in respect of possession of three tins of foreign-manufactured opium.

#### INDIAN POLITICS.

#### SWARAJIST PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

Gauhati, Dec. 28. The Indian National Congress has endorsed the Swarajist programme by a large majority. The policy involves the non-acceptance of Government offices, the refusal of supplies and the rejection of the Budget.

Reuter.

## NOT ADJUSTED.

### LOCAL PIECE GOODS DISPUTE.

#### COMPRADORES' VIEWPOINT.

With regard to the dispute between the Compradores' Association and the Piece Goods Guild in Hongkong, we learn that we were in error yesterday in stating that the former were asking for an increase of five per cent. in their commission, as the proposed increase is merely one of one-half per cent. on all goods which are at present subject to a commission of one-half per cent. These are principally piece goods, but for certain other commodities, in regard to which the commission has for years been one per cent., no increase is intended.

#### HEAVY LOSSES.

The Compradores' Association is composed of all the compradores of local foreign goods, and on enquiry therefrom we learn that the present rate of one-half per cent. is considered too low, it being pointed out that during the recent period of depression the compradores have lost fully two million dollars through dealers failing to fulfil their contracts.

It is further pointed out by the officials of the Association that whether the market is good or bad, they have only been able to get one-half per cent. commission, and that despite recent conditions the dealers have been able to make anything between ten and twenty per cent.

#### UNCERTAIN RISKS.

Another point stressed is that the moment a contract is signed or chopped, the compradores endorse it and the goods may take several months to arrive, whilst even after arrival some dealers do not perform their contracts for a considerable period. The compradores only get their half per cent. although they guarantee the standing of the dealers sometimes for a whole year, or even longer. The position was altogether different to insuring, for example, cargoes arriving by steamer, because the insurance companies knew how long they must run the risk for, but that was not the case in contracts for goods which were endorsed by the Compradores' Association. The risk was far more uncertain, whilst in recent times there had been many failures in regard to which the compradores had got very little, if anything.

We understand that the proposed increase of one-half per cent. will come into effect as from January 1st next.

#### DEALERS OPPOSE.

The dispute between the Association and the Piece Goods Guild still continues, and it is stated that the latter strongly oppose the proposed increase. They point out that the dealers have been passing through very hard times and that the suggested increase is more than they can be expected to agree to.

There is even talk of the dealers boycotting the Association if the matter is not soon adjusted.

#### WEAPON CONFISCATED.

#### SEQUEL TO SAIKUNG PIRACY.

As a sequel to the Saikung piracy, an application was made by Sub-Inpector Andrew before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for the confiscation of a revolver, which had been used as an exhibit in connection with the criminal session trial.

The revolver was found by a Chinese detective behind a temple at Tak Mun, where the third defendant in the murder trial was arrested whilst hiding in a pigsty. The necessary confiscation order was made.

## LOCAL SOLICITOR'S DEATH.

### SUDDEN DEMISE OF MR. R. F. MATTINGLEY.

#### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death this morning, at the Repulse Bay Hotel, of Mr. Reginald Frederick Mattingley, a partner in Messrs. Deacons, the well-known firm of solicitors.

News of Mr. Mattingley's decease came as a great shock to his many friends, for although he had been suffering from chest trouble for a long time, he was at his office as usual yesterday, and appeared to be in his normal health. Mr. Mattingley was found dead in bed this morning when the room-boy took in morning tea.

An extremely able man, recognised indeed as one of the most talented lawyers ever to have come to Hongkong, Mr. Mattingley had been in ill-health for several years, and his death is regarded the more tragic by reason of the fact that he was retiring from Messrs. Deacons on Saturday next, and was going Home for special treatment.

The deceased gentleman, who was unmarried, came to Hongkong in 1916, when he joined the firm of Messrs. Deacons, Looker, Deacons and Deacons. A Bachelor of Laws at London University, he won first-class honours in the Solicitors' Final, and he took several law prizes.

Before coming East, Mr. Mattingley was a lecturer on law at a Welsh University, and a lecturer at Messrs. Gibson and Weldon, the well-known solicitors' co-operators. He had practised but little in the Hongkong courts during recent years, but his services were constantly in demand as a legal consultant. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition, taking little active part in public affairs, but by his kindly personality he had gained a host of friends.

The funeral takes place at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

## CAFE MANAGER SUED.

### CHINESE WAGE CLAIM FAILS.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Wood expressed himself as disbelieving the evidence of two witnesses that were brought forward in a case, when a Chinese claimed \$40 from Mr. D. M. Goodall, Manager of Lane, Crawford's Restaurant. The plaintiff claimed the money on account of the defendant dismissing him on November 30th, without giving him notice.

The plaintiff stated that he was engaged on October 25th as a cake-seller at a counter in the Cafe, and he was to receive \$40 per month. He was paid for the month of November; when he was dismissed.

In reply to Mr. Goodall, plaintiff admitted that when he was engaged he was told that he would be on trial, but denied that on November 10th he was told that his services were not satisfactory.

The cashier at the Cafe said he interpreted for Mr. Goodall, and told the plaintiff that he would be engaged on trial for one month. On November 10th, he told the plaintiff that he was not satisfactory and would have to go as soon as they secured another man.

This evidence was corroborated by another employee who was present.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant, and expressed the view that the plaintiff was not told on November 10th that his services were not satisfactory because the interpreter had not correctly interpreted Mr. Goodall's words. He believed the plaintiff when he said he had not been told. However, he found that the plaintiff was on trial and was not therefore entitled to succeed.

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## CLAIM FOR \$500.

### EUROPEAN'S EXTRA WORK.

#### FORMER EMPLOYER'S SUED.

Before Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, Mr. J. H. O'Brien, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Alexandra Building, fourth floor, sued Messrs. A. G. Waller and Co., Ltd., Bank of Canton Building, first floor, for the sum of \$500, being salary due for services rendered in connection with accountancy work done during the month of June, 1926, as shown in the defendants' books. Mr. Remedios was for the plaintiff and Mr. Gordon Leask defended.

The plaintiff, in the witness-box, stated that he was employed with the defendant Company from April, 1925, to May, 1926, in the capacity of assistant manager of the Imports and Exports Department, and at the end of April he received notice that his services would not be required after May. His salary was \$300 per month, and May had been paid.

#### EXTRA WORK.

Speaking with regard to extra work, on which he was claiming, plaintiff said Mr. Waller approached him during May to do some extra accountancy work, and plaintiff agreed to do it, but no fee was fixed at that time. On June 4th, Mr. Waller showed him the extent of the work, which consisted of entering up the books from January to May, the books not having been entered up at that time. It was then agreed that plaintiff should receive \$100 for each month that the books were in arrears, which was \$500. He completed the work on June 25th, and asked Mr. Waller for his money, but Mr. Waller told him to debit the Company as he was tied up for money. Plaintiff accordingly debited the Company for \$500, and credited his account with a similar amount. He had approached Mr. Waller on several occasions for the money but he had not yet received it. Plaintiff added that he was dismissed through trade depression.

In answer to Mr. Leask, plaintiff denied that he was engaged as an accountant until June, when he did the accounting work.

Mr. Leask:—If Mr. Waller goes into the box and says that in February, 1926, when he first opened, you were engaged as a spare-time accountant and came into the office twice a month, would he be wrong?

Plaintiff:—I was not doing that work.

In reply to further questions, plaintiff said that during the strike he was employed in another store, with Mr. Waller's permission, and went round to the office in the evenings, for which he received \$200 per month. He started with Mr. Waller on full-time in April last year at a salary of \$200 per month. In January, he received an increase to \$300 per month, which was regularly paid him until May, when his notice terminated. After that, he continued in Mr. Waller's employ, doing additional work. He denied that from January to May he was employed as an accountant and that his work was to enter up the books.

#### ALTERED ENTRY.

Referring to a ledger, Mr. Leask pointed out to witness that a heading "Accountant's fee, J. H. O'Brien" had been scratched out and "Solicitor's Fee" inserted. Was that entry, he asked, really put in to balance the books?

Plaintiff:—No. Did Mr. Waller ever speak to you about that entry?—Yes, he approved of it.

Since leaving Mr. Waller's employment has he lent you some money?—No.

Plaintiff admitted that he ordered certain furniture, and when pressed for payment asked Mr. Waller for an advance of \$500, which was refused.

Mr. Leask:—What I want to put (Other Sport on Page 12.)

## END OF THE CHAPMAN CASE.

### SHANGHAI MAN SENT TO PRISON.

#### GETS OVER THREE YEARS.

Shanghai, Dec. 28. William Alden Chapman made an impassioned plea for leniency in the United States Court this morning when he pleaded "guilty" to a charge of embezzling \$15,000 (Gold) during his term as Clerk of the United States Court in China. He was sentenced to three years and five months' imprisonment on MacNeils Island, Washington.

It will be remembered that Chapman was arrested on his arrival at Seattle from Shanghai last July and there not being any extradition laws whereby he might be returned to China within this jurisdiction, he was about to be returned under the Federal laws of the United States. Appeals against this were entered and were pending when Chapman, following the advice of Major Holcomb, who represented him, returned to Shanghai.

The case aroused the greatest interest locally as Chapman was at one time one of the most popular members of the American community in Shanghai.

#### AMBITIOUS FLIGHT.

#### CAPTAIN COURTNEY'S PLANS.

Rugby, Dec. 28. Captain Courtney, the well-known air pilot, is elaborating plans for the most ambitious long-distance flight yet conceived—an aerial voyage from this country to New Zealand by a flying-boat in about seven days.

He intends to fly day and night over long stages of about 1,500 miles each, stopping only long enough at the end of each stage to re-fuel.

The machine to be used for the flight, would be probably a large twin-engine British flying-boat built to carry a heavy load with a cruising speed of between 90 and 100 miles per hour. On some days, Courtney hopes to do not merely a 1,500 miles stage, but perhaps a stage and a half.

British Wire.

#### FIFTH REMAND.

#### INDIAN IN COURT.

At the expiration of the last remand granted in police custody, Diwan Mengal Sen, who is being held on charges of forgery and criminal breach of trust, alleged to have occurred in financial operations in India, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, only to be again remanded for two more days.

According to Detective Sergeant Elston, no further instructions have been received from the Indian Government which have instituted these extradition proceedings for the accused's return to India. Pending the receipt of these instructions, an application was made for another remand, this being the fifth time on which the accused had appeared in Court on the same application.

#### FLOODS IN F. M. S.

#### MUCH WORK AT A STANDSTILL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Dec. 29. Owing to severe floods in Perak, rubber tapping and tin mining have been practically suspended. Train services are seriously interrupted and business is at a standstill at Ipoh.

At Kuala Lumpur there is also much interference.

## GOV. WOOD'S FIAT.

### LEGALITY ISSUE FOR COURT.

#### CONTROL BOARD DISPUTE.

Issues upon which the Philippine Supreme Court may determine the legality of Governor General Wood's executive order abolishing the Board of Control are believed to have been joined. This belief was current yesterday (says the Manila Bulletin of the 21st inst.) when a demurrer was filed to quo warranto proceedings to oust three members of the National Coal Company's board of directors, appointed by Senate President Quezon and Speaker Roxas. Whatever action the court will take on the demurrer, up holding it or overruling it, attorneys on both sides concur in the belief no further proceedings would be necessary to put before the court the point to be decided.

#### WILL SATISFY DEFENCE.

In accordance with this belief, while the defendants are by the rules of procedure still entitled to answer should the court decide to overrule their demurrer, the defence will file on more answers. The demurrer, it is believed, sufficiently raises the question of law upon which the parties wish the court to render judgment.

The demurrer, it is pointed out, admits all the allegations of plaintiff in the complaint and raises nothing but a question of law. Conflict in the present controversy, centres wholly on the legal question of whether or not executive order 37 is legal. Because the demurrer admits all the allegations of fact, whatever the court may decide, the merits of the entire case would be presented before the court for decision. Should the local supreme court overrule the defendants can only appeal the ruling to the Federal Supreme Court.

#### BRIEFS TO BE FILED.

When the demurrer comes before the Supreme Court, attorneys for both sides will make oral arguments for and against the complaint of the attorneys for Governor General Wood. They will then file comprehensive briefs and await the decision of the court. This decision probably will be accepted as final, inasmuch, with the facts agreed to by both sides, it will be practically impossible for either the complaint or demurrer to be amended to provide grounds for another hearing.

The demurrer was filed in court on the 20th instant. That was the answer. It states that the three members of the board of directors of the National Coal company are rightfully holding their offices as such directors and that they are also probably exercising their duties and powers as such. It states that the governor general is not authorised by law solely to exercise the voting power of the National Coal company's stock owned by the Government of the Philippine Islands and prays that the action be dismissed taxing cost against plaintiff.

#### HOLD WOOD'S ORDER VOID.

The demurrer is based on the stand that the act of the Philippine legislature creating the Board of Control continues in force until abrogated by the United States Congress and that Governor General Wood's executive order abolishing it is "null and void." "Said Executive Order 37," it states, "in so far as it purports to change the manner of voting the stock owned by the Government of the Philippine Islands in the National Coal Company, is unconstitutional and void, for the reason that it impairs the obligation of contracts existing between the said Government and the defendants herein, as stockholders of said company."

As the local supreme court is to go on recess for the Christmas holidays, decision on the demurrer is not expected until the latter part of January. It will resume its sessions on January 10, it is understood.



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**KOWLOON MATTERS.**

**FERRY APPROACH.**

The Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association held their monthly meeting last week. The following were present:—Rev. J. Horace Johnston, (President), Dr. J. C. Macgown, (Vice-President), Mr. J. L. Parren, (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. M. Alves, (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. Father Spada, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, Messrs. W. J. Stokes, F. H. Crapnell, J. M. Noronha, F. W. Stapleton, A. W. Eastman, and F. J. Easterbrook. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. de Sousa, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Tape.

**Star Ferry Approach.**  
Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry approach was engaging the attention of the Government, the Committee, at their previous meeting, resolved to ask the Government to acquiesce in the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time, a sub-committee was appointed to scrutinize and report upon any projected plans which Government might see its way to furnish for their inspection.

The sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. W. J. Stokes (Convenor), F. H. Crapnell and F. J. Easterbrook, now presented a very able and exhaustive report on the subject. Maintaining the best traditions of the K. R. A., they resolved that whatever criticism they made of the Government scheme should be of the helpful and constructive sort, and, with the expert knowledge of engineering and architecture and traffic conditions which they possessed, they were certainly well qualified to render valuable service. The fact is that they travelled so fast in the direction of formulating all the essentials of a workable scheme that, apparently, they outstripped the Government, and, instead of waiting for the Government plan, they were able to draw out a plan of their own, which they were encouraged to believe would be of value to the Government and might form the basis of a practicable scheme.

**The Colonnade.**

It is not possible, without showing the plan itself, to explain all its features. It will, however, interest the general public to know that it is based on what is known as the "gyratory system," and reduces the crossing of traffic to the absolute minimum, and, of course, the slower the traffic the nearer the kerb.

It may also be stated that the Committee has proceeded on the principle "that convenience and utility are of greater importance than aesthetic appearance." They have, accordingly, considered the interests of the Kowloon residents rather than the tourist photographer, and decided against the suggested continuation of the Station Colonnade across the whole frontage, as being an unprofitable outlay of public funds and a hindrance rather than a help to the solution of the traffic problem. At the same time the Committee believe that the various shelters, which they recommend for the comfort of passengers, are arranged in such symmetry that they lend themselves to an architectural treatment which should give the ferry approach, if not an imposing, at least a pleasing and artistic appearance.

A point which has been strongly urged is the need for widening the Salisbury Road, particularly where it comes to a bottle-neck opposite the Water Police Station. It is further contended that the most effective widening will be on the southern side. The indebtedness of the sub-committee to Mr. F. J. Easterbrook for his painstaking work in preparing the drawings and working out the details of the scheme was cordially acknowledged. The report and plans have now been sent to the Colonial Secretary.

**Children's Playground Extension.**  
As the project for the extension of the children's playground in Chatham Road has not made much headway of late, it was decided that the President and Secretary of the Association should form,

with Mr. J. M. Alves, the Convenor of the Playgrounds Sub-Committee, a deputation to interview the P. W. D. Engineer-in-Charge, and if necessary the Colonial Secretary, in order to ascertain the present position and the possibilities of the suitable development of the additional area which the Government has apportioned for the purpose.

**Kowloon Cemeteries.**

The Secretary read the answer of the Government to the queries of the Committee on this subject, and it was found that the answer did not quite cover the whole ground of the inquiry. The Committee, accordingly, before concurring with the Government plan, decided to present the difficulty again with a suggested solution.

**The Dogs' Home.**

The complaints of disturbance during the night caused by the barking of dogs in the Dogs' Home, forwarded by the K. R. A. to the Colonial Secretary, elicited a very courteous letter from the Government in reply, as also from the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to whom the Home belongs. It was explained that the removal of the Home, as suggested by the K. R. A., could not conveniently be undertaken, but that advice had been taken and arrangements made which it was hoped would put an end to the nuisance. By giving the animals a good meal at sundown and by the provision of screens to render the dogs less liable to be aroused by movements in the street it is now understood that the annoyance to neighbours has been obviated.

**Publicity.**

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large, framed notice-boards at the Kowloon wharf, and had also consented to keep at the season-ticket office a supply of enrolment forms for the convenience of residents wishing to join the Association.

**A Dangerous Corner.**

Rev. G. R. Lindsay called attention to the dangerous speed at which the buses for Kowloon City, which are parked in the side street next to the Diocesan Girls School, swing out into Jordan Road, where so many of the children pass on their way to and from the School. It was agreed to write to the Captain Superintendent of Police requesting that the drivers be made to exercise more care.

**Electric Current.**

Mr. W. J. Stokes gave notice of his intention to raise at the earliest convenient opportunity a question arising out of the change of the supply pressure of the electric current in Kowloon from 110 to 200 volts.—*Contributed.*

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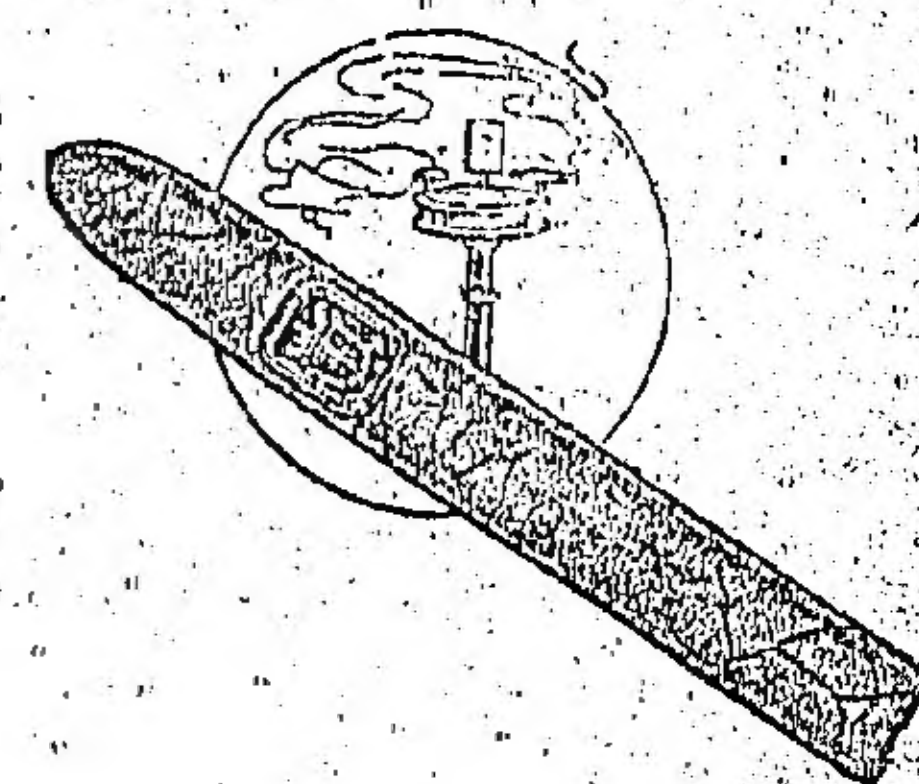
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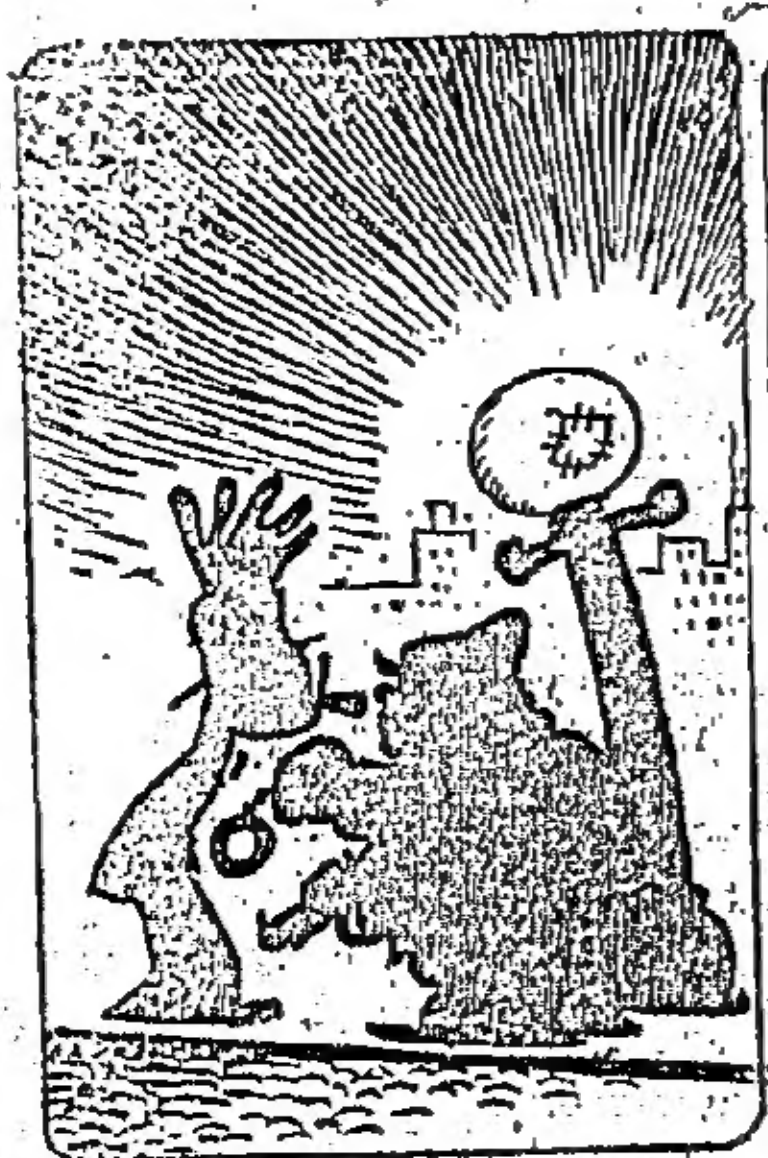


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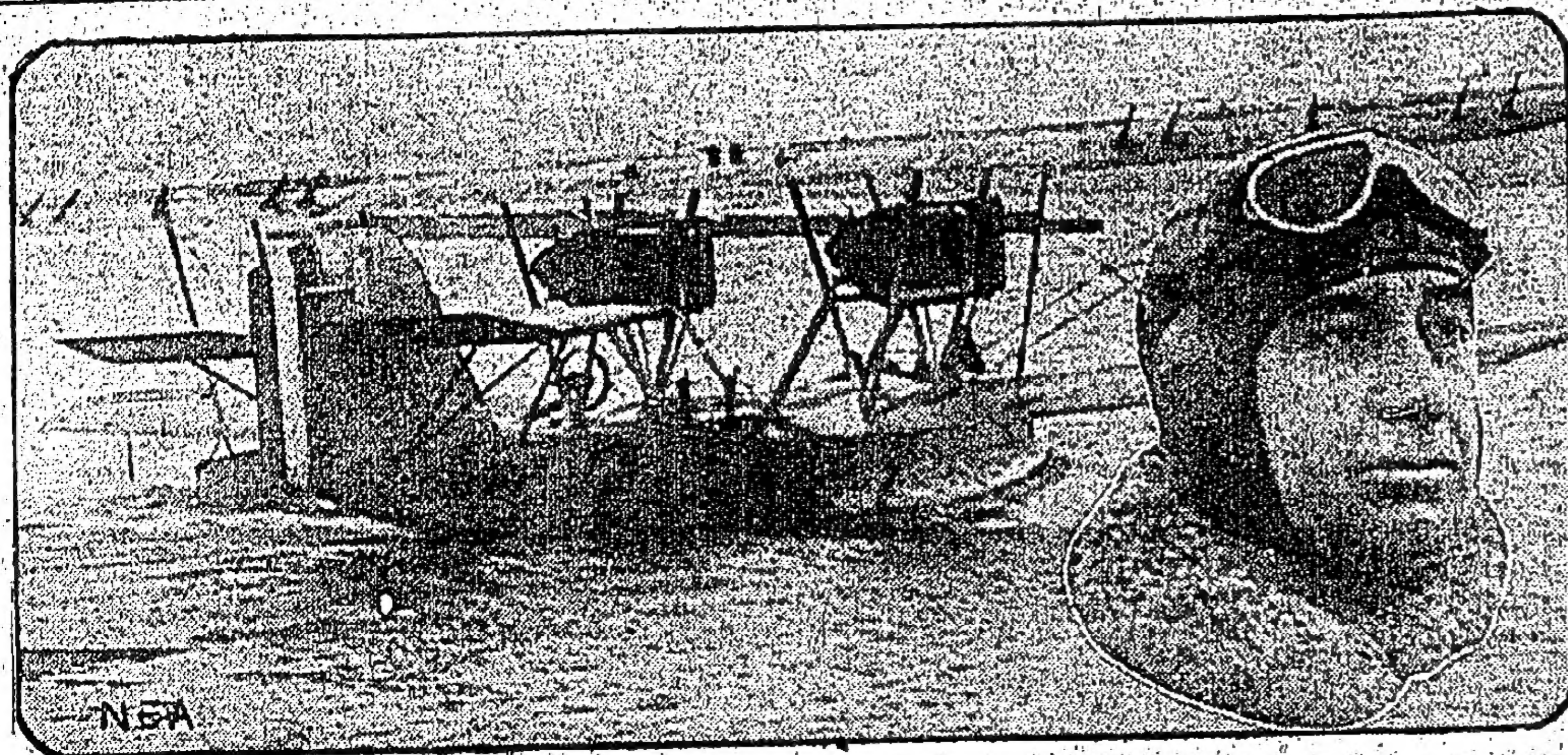
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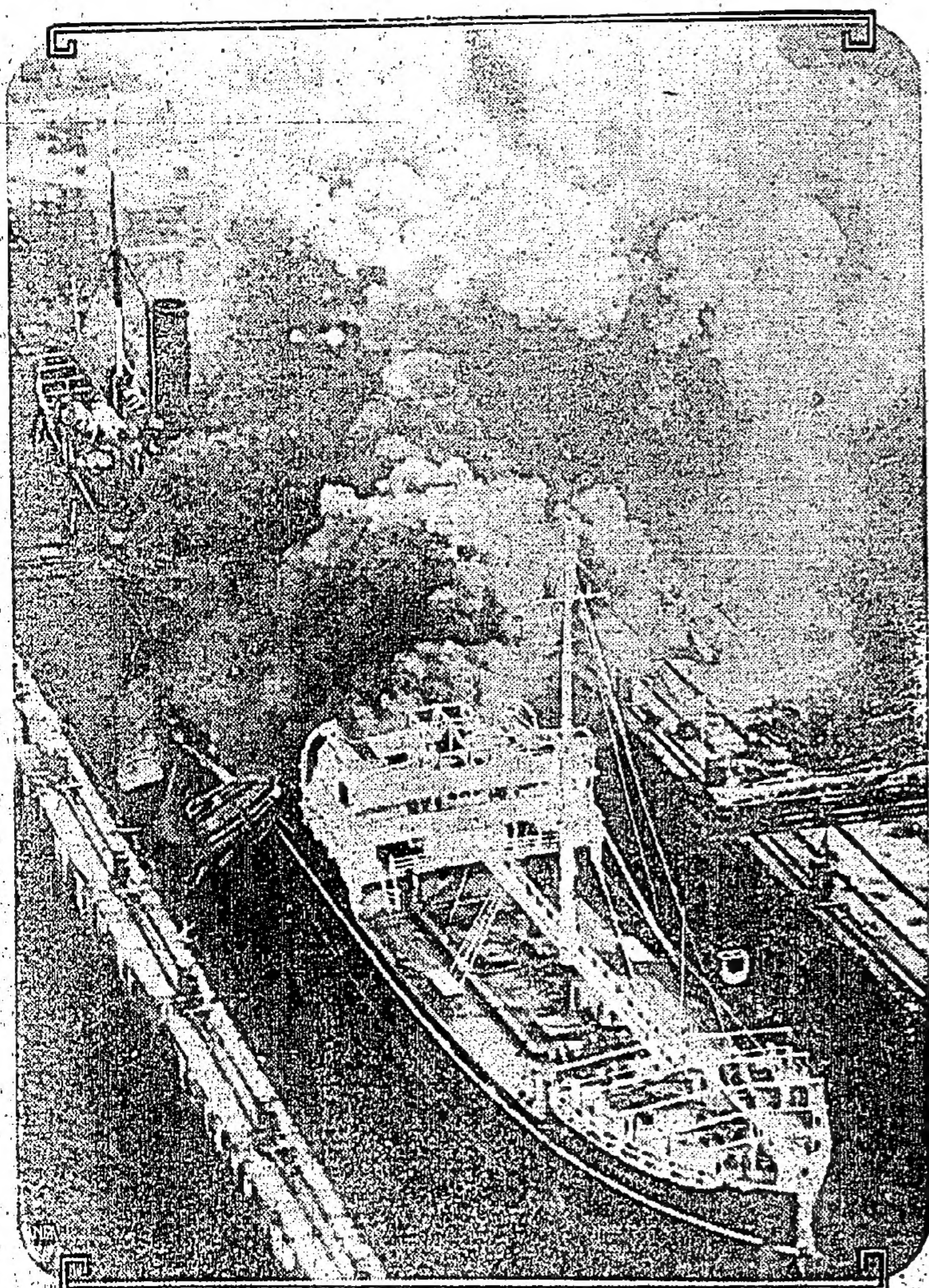
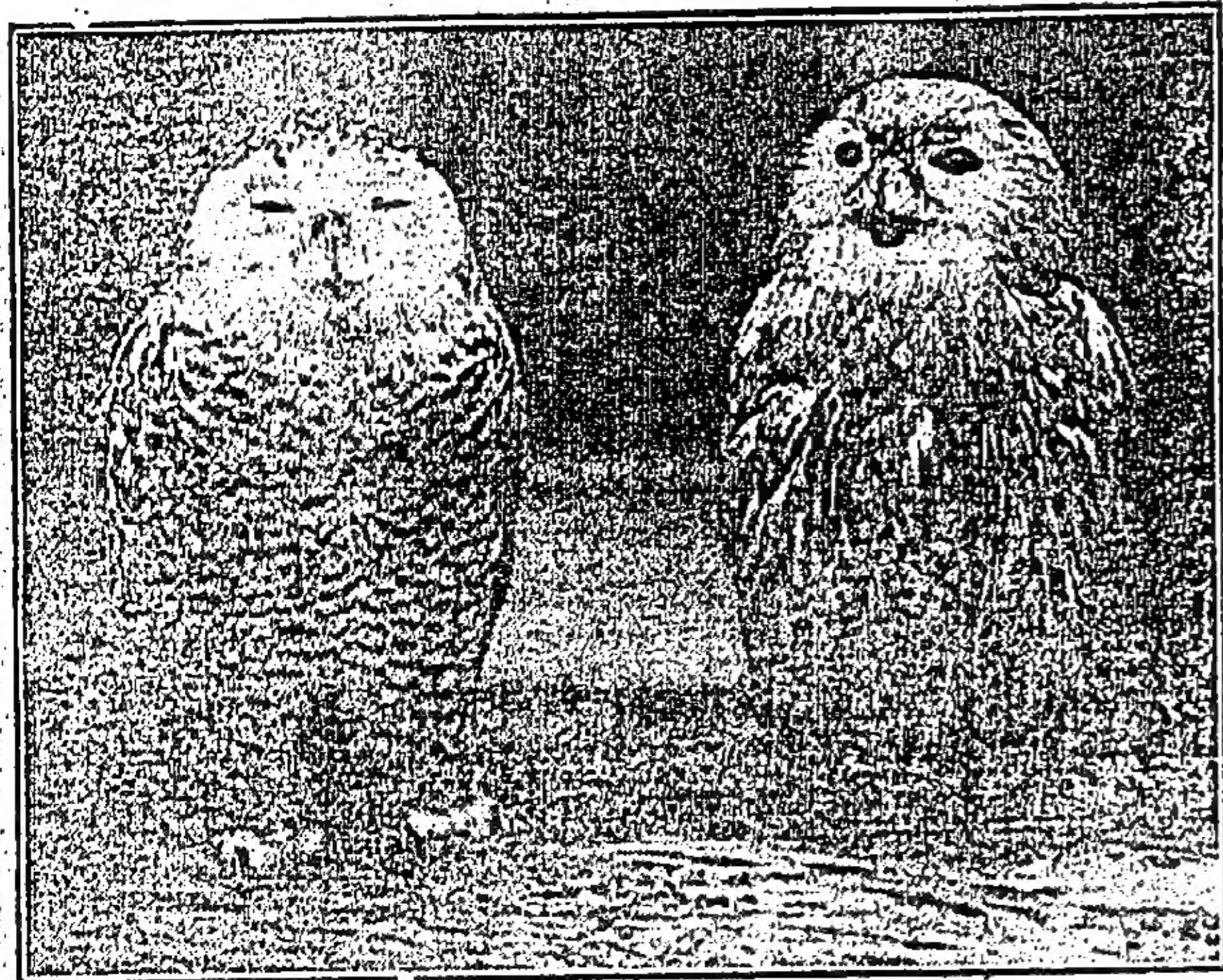


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### LIQUOR POISONING.

#### ALLEGATIONS AGAINST U. S. GOVERNMENT.

Washington, Dec. 28. New York City medical officers recently alleged that the poisoning of nearly a hundred persons, of whom sixteen have hitherto died, is mostly due to the Federal Government's use of wood alcohol in denaturing grain alcohol for industrial purposes.

Government chemists state that the Government is not responsible for such deaths, since only two per cent. of wood alcohol, which is not a fatal dose, is employed by them. —*Reuter's American Service.*

### WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

#### BRITAIN AND U.S.A. PUBLIC SERVICE.

London, Dec. 28. Wireless telephony between London and New York will possibly be opened for public service early in the New Year, according to the *Westminster Gazette*.

This paper understands that His Majesty King George and President Coolidge are being approached with a view to them inaugurating the service by conversing with each other from Buckingham Palace and the White House. —*Reuter.*

### PAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT.

#### GREETINGS FROM U.S.A. TO MEXICO.

Mexico City, Dec. 28. Major Dargus, commander of the five American army aeroplanes making the 18,500 mile pan-American flight, presented a letter from President Coolidge to President Calles, who wished the flyers success and hoped the friendly American-Mexican relations would continue. —*Reuter's American Service.*

### DOUBLE TAXATION.

#### AN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION.

Washington, Dec. 28. The White House has decided that the United States participate in the international conference on double taxation in international business, opening at Geneva on January 5.

Professor Adams, of Yale University, will represent the United States. —*Reuter's American Service.*

### FLOODS IN MALAYA.

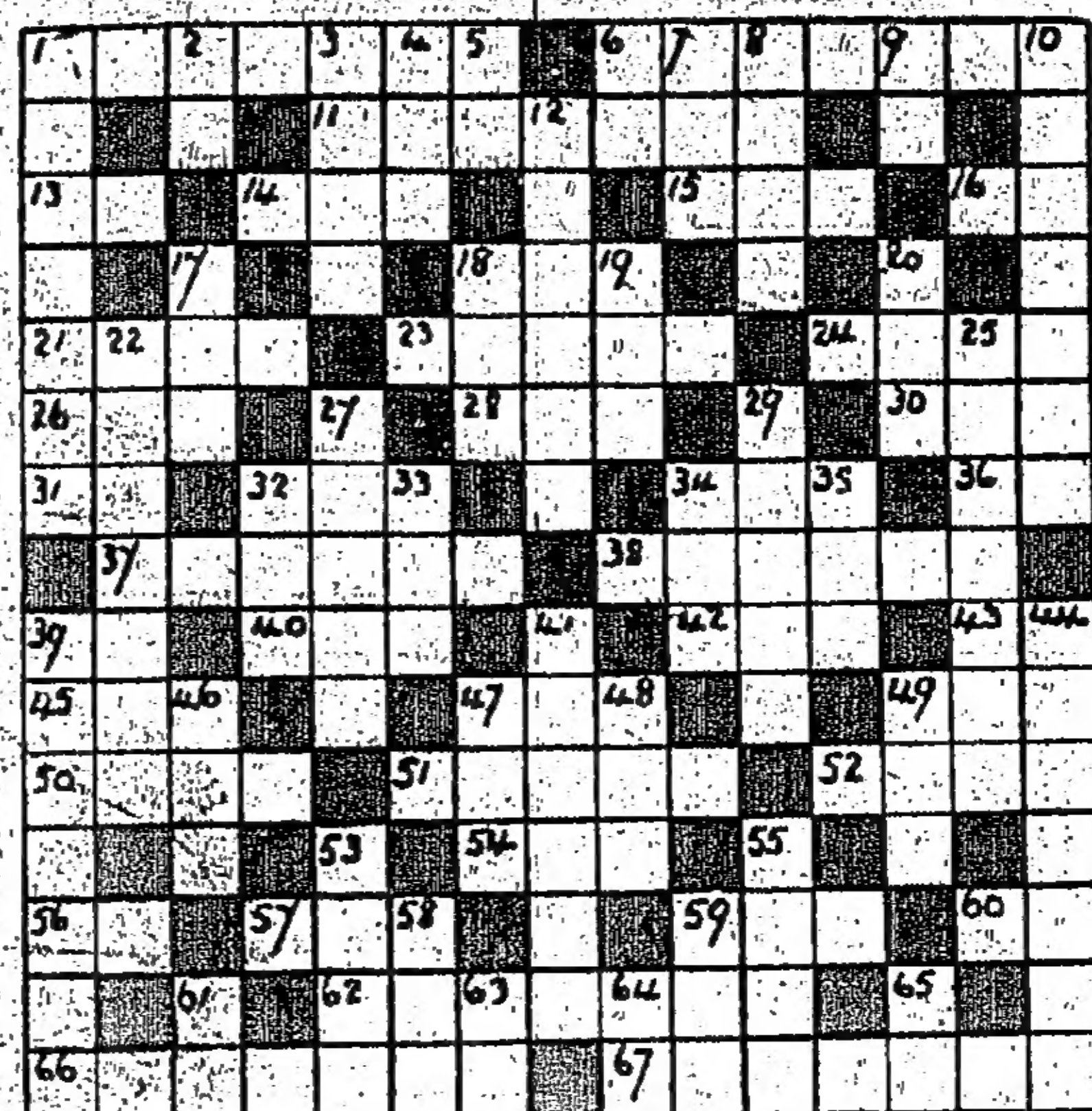
#### BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Dec. 28. Following a week's rain there have been serious floods in Malaya, especially in Ipoh, where the banks and offices have been flooded. Business has been suspended and train service interrupted.

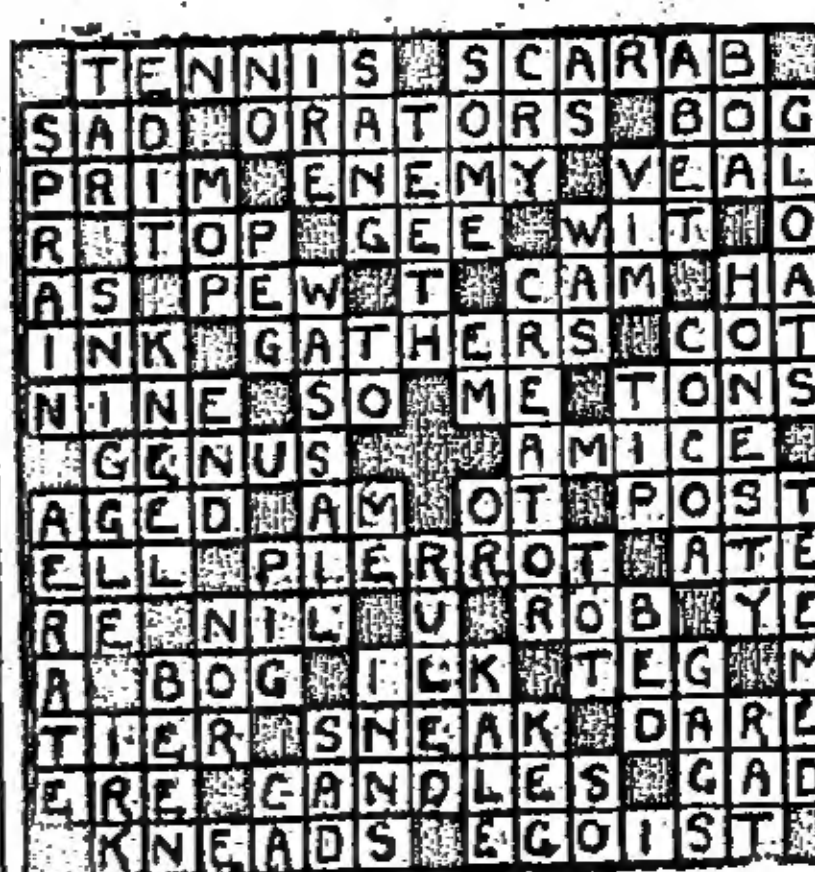
Washington, Dec. 9. —After listening to an attack on Chief Justice William Howard Taft, based on the ground that he is receiving a \$10,000 annuity from the Carnegie Trust Fund, the House today passed the Senate bill, carrying a material increase in salary for the judiciary. The bill now goes to the President.

### OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Violent storm.
  - Passion.
  - Perilous to.
  - Adverb.
  - Not many.
  - Consume.
  - Medical man (abbr.)
  - Tropical tuber.
  - Strong taste.
  - Sacred vessel.
  - Woman's dress.
  - Advanced in years.
  - Enclosure for poultry.
  - A stock phrase.
  - Royal Academy (abbr.)
  - High tone (Music).
  - Existed.
  - Legal word.
  - Order of ceremony.
  - Opposite to former.
  - Morning.
  - To urge.
  - Considerably.
  - Part of verb "to be"
  - Jewel.
  - Border.
  - Item at auction.
  - Something worshipped.
  - Restore.
  - Passage-money.
  - Intelligence.
  - Indiscrete article.
  - Large tub.
  - Happy.
  - Exclamation.
  - Fidelity of representation.
  - A component part.
  - Clipped.
- Down.
- One-disloyal to vows.
  - In the gutter of.
  - Old.
  - Glistening beads of moisture.
  - Alterative.
  - Exclamation.
  - A number.
  - To string together.
  - Pronoun.
  - A snare.
  - Surrounded by a ditch.
  - Conjunction.
  - Bark shrilly.
  - Males.
  - Small child.
  - Excited with fear.
  - Soldier.
  - Wedges.
  - A liquid.
  - Devoiced.
  - A tie-on label.
  - A jester.
  - Enclosure for pigs.
  - Excite.
  - Service.
  - Passengers attendant.
  - A crowd.
  - Cut down.
  - Came together.
  - Loose.
  - Anxiety.
  - An acid fruit.
  - A number.
  - Kind of tree.
  - Personal pronoun.
  - Expresses position.
  - Exists.
  - Conjunction.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



### NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

#### A TRUCE FOR BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Managua, Dec. 28. A truce has been agreed to by the rival Nicaraguan factions in order to bury the dead killed in four days' fighting with heavy losses on both sides.

It is stated the Liberals, aided by Mexican volunteers, forced the Conservative government troops to withdraw to Bluefields.

Admiral Lattimer, commanding the United States warships in Nicaraguan waters, reports the districts of Puerto Cabezas, Rio Grande, El Bluff, and Bluefields have been established as neutral zones, and declared both Liberals and Conservatives must evacuate this territory or disarm. He urges the establishment of other neutral zones, so that the whole east coast will be neutral, and thus the Diaz Government will be relieved of the responsibility of protecting the towns therein. —*Reuter's American Service.*

"Big Business" Suspect. Washington, Dec. 28. The latest development of the civil war in Nicaragua, where the conservative Government forces

are now reported to be retreating, is regarded by certain members of Congress as making recent landing by United States marines on the east coast of Nicaragua embarrassing to the United States Government.

Mr. Borah, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Senate, in a statement opines that a section of American business men are anxious to embroil the United States with Mexico through Nicaragua. —*Reuter's American Service.*

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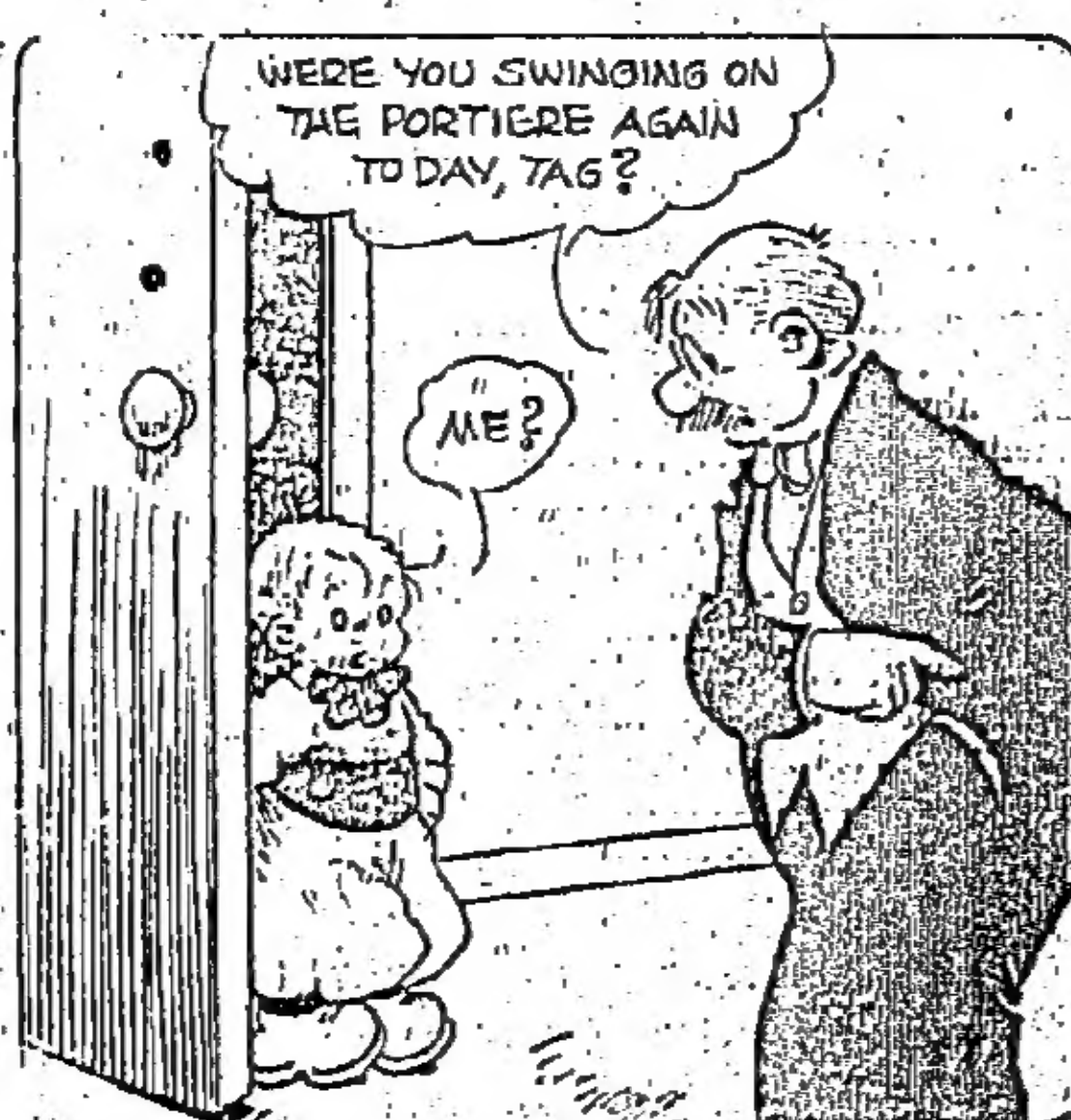
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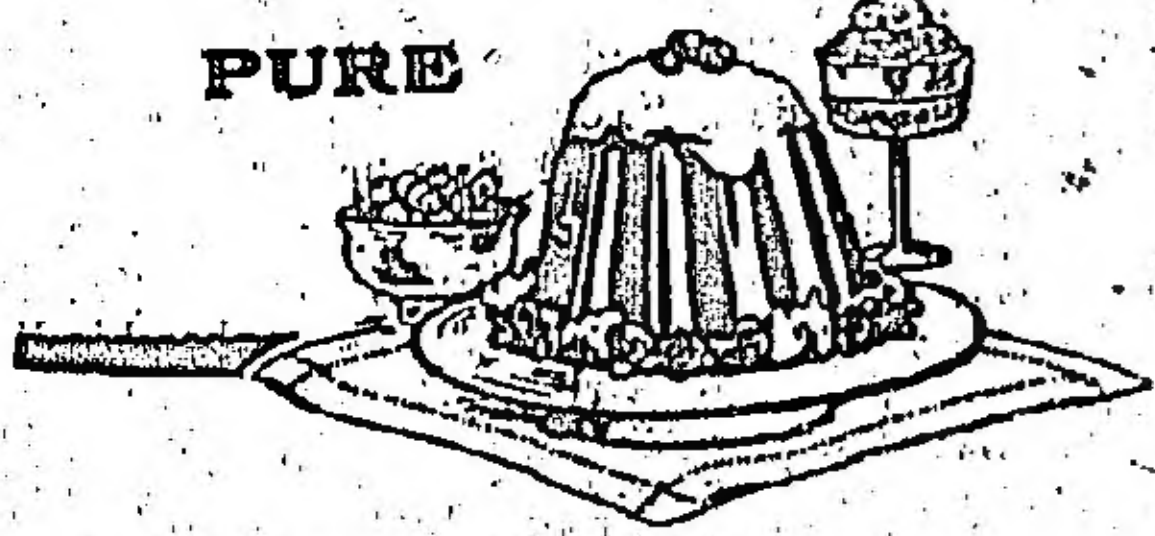
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## SILVER WEDDING.

BELL—HOGAN.—On 28th December, 1901, at the Church of England, Penang, by the Rev. Hynes, assisted by the Revs. H. C. Henham, William Henry Bell eldest son of James Bell of Stoneycroft, Liverpool, to Dora Hogan, youngest daughter of the late John Hogan and Mrs. John Hogan of The Avenue, Penang.

## The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 1926

## BRITAIN'S GESTURE.

Whatever may be said regarding the merits of the proposals which Britain has put forward for the consideration of the Treaty Powers in their future dealings with China, there can be no questioning the sincerity of the motives which inspired them. That much is evident from the summary of the Memorandum which has now come to hand, and which, incidentally, bears out the forecasts made prior to the actual publication of the document. Put simply, Britain considers that circumstances have so changed since the holding of the Washington Conference as to render it politic for the Powers to take stock of the new situation and, by common agreement if possible, adapt future actions to the new needs. Our Canton friends in particular surely cannot but admit the sincerity of the gesture, seeing that the Memorandum stresses the desirability of meeting the Nationalist movement "with sympathy and understanding."

If there is one thing more than another that the Nationalists have laid emphasis upon in recent times it is that the Treaties with the Powers are out of tune with the spirit of the times, and there should therefore be on their part a ready recognition of Britain's sympathy on this issue, inasmuch as the Memorandum makes a proposal to the effect that the Powers should issue a statement declaring their readiness to negotiate on Treaty revision "and all other outstanding questions." Respect for the sanctity of Treaties is naturally urged, but there is a willingness to modify the strict letter of these compacts. Nothing, surely, could be more reasonable than that? Further evidences of goodwill may be found in the British viewpoint favouring tariff autonomy and in the disclaiming of any idea of forcing foreign control on China. Opinions may, and probably will, differ on the suggestion for the unconditional granting of the Washington surtaxes, but it is well that Britain

should make it known that she has always strongly objected to the attitude of those other nations which desired these to be placed under foreign control for the consolidation of China's unsecured debts. That clarifies one point, at least.

One point which must not be overlooked is that the British Memorandum is merely in the nature of a suggestion to the other Powers as to the lines upon which a new policy, dictated by the changed conditions, should proceed. It must inevitably have the effect of producing that full and frank discussion of the Chinese problem which was contemplated by the Washington Treaty. That will be its chief value, and if it leads to the evolving of a common line of action on vital matters, so much the better. Some of the proposals will meet with opposition, we have no doubt, but they may at least provide the groundwork for really fruitful deliberations. All through the recent unrest in China, Britain, as a Shanghai paper puts, has been "made the goat." Not a soul has stood by her, not a finger has been lifted in her defence against unjust accusations and attack. But through it all she has shown exemplary patience and has never weakened in her friendship for the Chinese people. She has thus earned the right to speak out freely, and to take the lead in initiating new policies, just as she took the lead in recognising the Chinese Republic fifteen years ago. All manner of ill motives will doubtless be attributed to her, but when the history of the present troubled period comes to be written, we have no doubt that this latest gesture will be assessed at its real worth, for what it is—a demonstration of sincere friendship and goodwill.

## Hot Air.

Senator Butler of the United States has painted a very alarming picture of the needs of the American Navy, and, in his attempt to justify the Bill he has just introduced into Congress, which is to authorise the immediate construction of ten cruisers, he has gone to the limit of imagination and declared that America's Navy is generally in a very inferior and second-rate condition. If that is true, then there can be no objection to a very free programme of modernisation, but Senator Butler does his country no service when he asserts that it has been duped by other countries and that America's kindly nature has been exploited by those nations with whom she freely entered into a restrictive pact. That is neither true nor complimentary to the nations concerned—particularly Britain who is one of the nations most vitally affected. When Senator Butler refers to America's position vis-a-vis that of "Mistress of the Seas" he strikes a note which is new and not a little alarming, but in this connection it is as well to remember that it is but Senator Butler talking and not the voice of the United States. With a Preparatory Commission experts sitting at Geneva evolving out (or trying to) the groundwork of an international disarmament conference, it is a little unfortunate that Senator Butler should be so provocative, in tone, America has every right to modernise her fleet. Britain is doing it, and so are other maritime Powers. But the hope of mankind is that less and less public money will be spent on wasteful and unproductive armaments and that there will be a better and wider agreement come to in the near future by which nations will not need to compete for supremacy of strength. The United States of America can be trusted, we confidently believe, to continue its past good work in the cause of international disarmament, Senator Butler notwithstanding.

A cordial welcome was extended last night, at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, to the Rev. J. C. Knight-Anstey, the new minister of the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai. The new minister was welcomed by the Rev. H. S. F. Rossiter, who referred to Mr. Anstey's fine record in India and in Home circuits, and the latter suitably responded.

## DAY BY DAY.

WE ACCOMPLISH MORE BY PRUDENCE THAN BY FORCE.—Tacitus.

The s.s. Karmala from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on the 26th December, at 6 p.m.

Vessels arriving from the South report continued rough seas and strong monsoon weather.

There is to be a watchnight service in St. Peter's Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11 p.m.

The E. and O. s.s. Mirzapore, which left Shanghai at 3 p.m. on the 26th instant, is due here at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

From Messrs. A. Cooke and Co. the agents for "Flat" motor cars, we have received an attractive little pocket diary.

Yesterday's list of notifiable diseases shows one Japanese case of typhoid fever and one British case of puerperal fever.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta has appointed the Rev. Fr. Augustin Placzek to be rector of St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley.

Yesterday afternoon, members of the local Consular Body called at the Japanese Consulate General to express their condolences at the death of the Emperor of Japan.

The collections at St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day, which, as in previous years, will be devoted to the general funds of the Diocesan Schools, amounted to \$710.48.

Strong monsoon may be expected over the China Sea, says the weather report of the Royal Observatory to-day. The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, fresh; fair.

The health return for the past week shows two fatal cases of typhoid fever (one British and one Chinese); one British death from hydrophobia, and two Chinese cases of diphtheria, of which one was fatal.

We understand that the police are offering a reward of \$250 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of burglars, who recently carried out a robbery at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company's store.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Bell on the celebration yesterday of their silver wedding. They were married at Penang on December 28, 1901. Mr. Bell is acting General Manager in Hongkong for the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Alexander Christie Sinton, singalman, of the H.M.S. Tamar, to Miss Annie Pridmore, of Edinburgh, Mr. D. K. Pillai, medical practitioner of the Government Civil Hospital, to Miss Gertrude May Chan, of 186, Queen's Road, West.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Empress of Canada, Mirzapore, Van Overstraten, Autolytus, Sui An, Atagosa Maru, Weir Bank, President Cleveland, Khiva, Tjillwong, Kotsu Maru, Shirala, Colorado and Glen-tara.

M. G. M. Guillaume de Champeaux, late of 86 Rue Du Bac, Paris, who died on April 27th, 1926, left \$306,850 "net" invested in local shares. Letters of Administration in respect of a son and daughter have been granted to: Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Hongkong, the legal attorney.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Dec. 28.
Paris	122 1/2
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.37
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.40
Helsinki	10.25
London	2.17 1/2
Buenos Aires	16.17 1/2
Shanghai	2.44
Yokohama	2.05 1/2
New York	4.86 1/2
Geneva	25.09
Milan	107 1/2
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	19.16
Prague	31.77
Rio	1.64
Bombay	1.61 1/2
Hongkong	1.11 1/2
Silver (spot)	24.15 1/2
Silver (forward)	24 1/2

—British Wireless.

## HEROES OF EVERY DAY.

WAR-BLINDED MEN MAKING GOOD.

The Annual Reports of the work of St. Dunstan's have never been merely dry, official records of facts and figures, and the Eleventh Annual Report, which has just reached us, is another very human and interesting story of the year's work on behalf of sufferers from the world-war who must always hold a high place in public sympathy and regard.

The report strikes a high note of optimism, and this is fully justified both by the splendidly consistent progress and content of the war-blinded men themselves, and the generous public support given to the work of the Organisation.

The general financial position of the Organisation is eminently satisfactory. The Accounts and Balance Sheets show a reasonable margin of income over expenditure, after allowing for depreciation and an allocation to a Fund set up last year to provide pensions for those war-blinded men who do not receive a State allowance.

The method adopted in this year's Report to give supporters and the public generally some conception of the extraordinarily complete and widespread activities which are embraced in the everyday work of the Organisation, makes deeply interesting reading. Under the general heading, "A Day at Headquarters," we are given a description of a typical working day at the Administrative Headquarters. Quotations are given from many of the hundreds of letters received daily from St. Dunstan's men and their families.

—The little life stories of victories won, of help or advice needed, of losses suffered, and news of the personal and family happenings which the writers know will be read with the keenest interest by those who have helped and are helping them to shape their lives anew. The amazing diversity of the requests these letters contain, and the extent of the work involved in dealing completely and efficiently with them, is vividly shown, and gives us some knowledge of the detailed and complete manner in which the work of St. Dunstan's is carried on.

Other pages of the Report are devoted to the work of St. Dunstan's Branch Organisations in the Dominions Overseas; the work and administration of the Blinded Soldiers' Fund, which provides allowances for all the children of blinded soldiers who are not provided for under State arrangements; the holiday and convalescent Annex at Brighton; the sporting and recreative side of the war-blinded men's lives; and, finally, some pages of extracts from letters received from St. Dunstan's all over the world, which tell in their own words all that the help of the Organisation has meant to themselves and their happiness.

For business, university training is an absolute waste of time, asserts Mr. Morris, the noted motor-car manufacturer. "Though there are exceptions," he said, "I have never found a university trained man of any use in my organisation. The university will not confer the qualities essential to commerce, but obliterates them if originally present. It has no understanding of the workers' psychology so essential to the carrying on of a large scale business. I started life in an engineering shop and, therefore, I know what workers think. No body can succeed without that understanding. University men absorb the idea that life is an easy thing, and they pay too much attention to sport and pleasure."

"Oh let's get married," said the man.  
 "About you I am wild."  
 "Two reasons why I can't" said she.  
 "A husband and a child."

School Mistress: "Now, children, what did the Romans do for the Britons?"  
 Small Girl: "They civilized 'em, miss."

Mistress: "And how did they do that?"  
 Second Small Girl: "Please, miss, they taught 'em how to fight."

Certain parts of Manchuria were threatened by drought recently, and the population turned to priests of three different faiths for relief. On an appointed day Chinese farmers prayed to Buddha, Russian priests of the Greek orthodox church prayed in their

churches, and in the temples of the Chinese gods others offered their supplications. It rained the next day, and priests of all three faiths are claiming credit for it.

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## KOWLOON WEDDING.

## AT THE ROSARY CHURCH.

A pretty wedding took place at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. C. L. da Rosa, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., and Miss A. M. C. Botelho of No. 339, Nathan Road, Kowloon, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Botelho. The Rev. Father Spada officiated.

The bride was charmingly attired in white satin, trimmed with silk shadow lace, and carried a bouquet of ten roses. She was given away by Mr. Botelho, her brother. The Misses Carvalho were bridesmaids, and they wore dresses of pale green crepe de chine with silver lace and hats of crinoline to match. Leolinda de Luz and Aurea Gill were flower girls and Roland Soares was page boy.

Mr. E. J. de Rosario was "best man" and Mr. F. X. Soares, groomsmen. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 339, Nathan Road, after which bride and bridegroom left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away costume was of peacock blue georgette with russet trimmings and also a hat to match.

## RUBBER PRICES.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from Singapore indicating the following prices:

Allenbys	\$ 2.85
Alor-Gajahs	2.95
Amal Malays	4.60
Ayer Moleks	2.55
Ayer Panas	12.90
Changkat-Serdangs	9.10
Glenelays	2.80
Jerams	1.75
Jimahs	2.25
Kedahs	4.40
Lunas	4.00
New Serdahs	4.85
Pajams	3.50

## The Very Idea!

For business, university training is an absolute waste of time, asserts Mr. Morris, the noted motor-car manufacturer. "Though there are exceptions," he said, "I have never found a university trained man of any use in my organisation. The university will not confer the qualities essential to commerce, but obliterates them if originally present. It has no understanding of the workers' psychology so essential to the carrying on of a large scale business. I started life in an engineering shop and, therefore, I know what workers think. No body can succeed without that understanding. University men absorb the idea that life is an easy thing, and they pay too much attention to sport and pleasure."

"Oh let's get married," said the man.  
 "About you I am wild."  
 "Two reasons why I can't" said she.  
 "A husband and a child."

School Mistress: "Now, children, what did the Romans do for the Britons?"  
 Small Girl: "They civilized 'em, miss."

Mistress: "And how did they do that?"  
 Second Small Girl: "Please, miss, they taught 'em how to fight."

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## RUGBY WIRELESS.

## WORLD-WIDE TRIBUTES.

Rugby, Dec. 28.  
High praise for Post Office wireless engineers for their work at the Rugby high-power radio station, appears in the second report of the Wireless Telegraphy Commission.

Among report of testings from all over the world, the South Atlantic, Pretoria, Suez, Australia, Nantucket, Hongkong, Java, the Dutch East Indies and New York pay tribute to the "clearness of Rugby's signals." Sydney reported that Rugby was the only high-power European station readable through atmospherics. A good strength and note remained constant throughout.

The telegraph installation has so far been worked only on an eight most aerial with two-thirds of the power. The station has accommodation for sixteen masts.

On a small section of the aerial, with an experimental telephony transmitter, a good reliable two-way conversation across the Atlantic to New York has been obtained repeatedly for many hours of the day. Experiments will shortly be made on a main telegraph transmitter and a Trans-Atlantic telephony transmitter to determine whether simultaneous operation is feasible. Further installations are contemplated, namely a short wave plant and a medium wave plant.—*British Wireless.*

## THE YAUMATI FIRE.

## UNTRUE RUMOURS OF CASUALTIES.

Rumours have been current that several Chinese perished in the fire which destroyed five houses at Yaumati on Monday night. Enquiries, however, fail to corroborate this report, which is a gross exaggeration arising out of the discovery of the incinerated remains of an unknown Chinese amongst the ruins, yesterday morning. As a matter of fact, no reports have been received by the Fire or Police Departments of any person having been missed, and the identity of the Chinese whose remains were found by firemen is still unrevealed.

The ruins of the burnt building are in a dangerous condition for passers-by and it has been found necessary to put up shoring and to close part of the street.

## BARRACKS FIRE.

## A BLAZE AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

A store room on the ground floor of "B" Block of Victoria Barracks was the scene of a rather alarming fire last evening. Thanks to prompt action by both the military and the Fire Brigade, the outbreak was quickly quelled, but not before the contents of the store room had been destroyed.

It is not yet clear how the fire originated but an alarm of fire was given at about five o'clock, the store room of the Block, occupied by the Royal Engineers, being well alight. The military soon got busy with three hydrants and, by the time the Fire Brigade arrived, had water playing on the blaze. Within a short time of the Brigade's appearance a big volume of water was being poured into the store and the fire was very quickly beaten. The Brigade was back at Headquarters within one hour of starting out.

The building was not very much damaged, but the contents of the store were all destroyed.

## FRANCE AND CHINA.

## AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Paris, Dec. 28.  
M. Briand has made a statement to the Cabinet on foreign affairs particularly on the position in China.

According to authoritative information, France is awaiting additional information from its diplomatic agents in China before deciding her attitude. Furthermore, a decision has not yet been reached regarding the British Memorandum, but it is semi-officially stated that French policy in the East will continue to be most liberal.—*Reuter.*

## CAPITAL NEEDED.

## FOR PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT.

## AN IMPORTANT REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lack of outside capital, adequate labour and necessary land legislation is blocking the balanced development of the Philippine Islands, says Major General Frank McIntyre, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs in his annual report, recently released. No direct reference is made by the general to the independence movement now afoot in the islands, but in commenting upon the disagreement between Governor General Wood and the Philippine legislature he says:

"This, perhaps, is not an ideal situation, but it rather assists than militates against an economical operation of the government and has rather assisted the rehabilitation of the finances of the government than interfered therewith."

## SUGGESTS LEGAL CHANGE.

A "reasonable amendment" of the land and immigration laws of the islands, General McIntyre said, permitted a "controlled and limited flow of agricultural labour" would attract outside labour and result in advantages largely to the benefit of the present occupants of the islands.

Taking cognizance of the difficulties in passing laws in Washington pertaining to those two subjects, General McIntyre points out that congress in the organic law of 1916 authorised the Philippine legislature to enact land and immigration laws subject to the President's approval. Since that time, he says, "The land laws have not been amended in the serious way to attract capital."

Both the people in the Philippines and in their legislature are fully aware of the necessity of such an amendment, he says, but "there has been injected into the consideration of this subject a political consideration prompted by people in the United States who have contrary interests or who believe that the introduction of capital would delay the separation of the islands from the United States."

## THOUGHT FINDS MARK.

"This thought from the outside has found lodgement in the minds of many of those who at present control legislation in the Philippine Islands, with the result that no serious action has been taken under the authorisation of congress."

Economically, he finds 1925 the first normal year since 1915, as the islands during the intervening time have been more or less abnormal in this respect as a result of the war and subsequent reactions. In 1925, the United States treasury transmitted to the islands \$14,500,000 (largely in connection with the army and navy contingents there) for disbursements therein. The total taxes collected there amounted to about \$44,000,000. The total exports were approximately \$149,000,000; the total imports about \$120,000,000 while the circulation in the islands was about \$66,000,000.

## SEES MISLEADING FIGURES.

These figures are misleading, General McIntyre adds, as an analysis shows that the progress in the islands has been "largely due to the initiative of the government and the actual investment of the government in productive enterprises," and to the fact that there has been practically no investment of outside capital there in the ten-year period.

The large balance of trade in favour of the islands is accounted for in the foreign investments there, the increase on Philippine deposits abroad, interest paid on Philippine debentures and other factors.

Porto Rico, on the other hand, also is confronted with peculiar problems which must be solved. Although there has been a steady progress in this island, it was faced during the year by a depression in the sugar industry which caused a reduction in revenues and an increase of unemployment, a situation already acute.

## GOOD SOLUTION.

As a solution to the question, General McIntyre advocated not only a budget that will balance in normal years, but also a surplus which will meet fluctuations in revenues which is inimical to a one-crop area as in sugar in the case of Porto Rico.

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## TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

## OPENING OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

London, Dec. 28.  
In view of the satisfactory progress made with the experimental development of Trans-Atlantic telephony, the Post Office announces the opening of a preliminary Anglo-American public service in January, at a charge of 25 for every additional minute.

The announcement draws attention to the possibility that atmospheric conditions will sometimes prevent effective conversation and an allowance will be made therefore in the charging.—*Reuter.*

## EMPEROR'S DEATH.

## BRITISH COURT MOURNING.

Rugby, Dec. 28.  
The English newspapers are publishing long and appreciative memorial notices of the late Emperor of Japan.

H.M. the King has commanded that the English Court shall wear mourning for three weeks, and half mourning from January 8th to 15th.—*British Wireless.*

## "WET" ATTACK.

## NEW BILL IN U. S. HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Wet members of the House of Representatives, to-night made their first formal move toward introduction of a composite prohibition modification measure. Meanwhile, Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League issued a broadside against those members of congress who successfully eliminated a half million dollars from the treasury appropriation bill which was to have defrayed the expenses of under cover prohibition agents.

Representative Hill of Maryland, a wet leader, has completed the draft of a bill for immediate introduction, which would amend the prohibition act to permit the manufacture and sale of beverages which "are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with the law of the respective states."

In an accompanying statement Mr. Hill said the modification committee would consider this and similar bills after New Year and one bill will then be recommended to the House.

In another statement Mr. Wheeler of the anti-Saloon league said: "Elimination of the under cover item is an attempt to starve prohibition cat so it can not catch liquor mice."—*Associated Press.*

## WAR ON BLACKBERRY.

## A PEST IN NEW ZEALAND.

War has been declared on the blackberry in New Zealand.

What in England is a friendly little fruit changes its nature for the worse when it emigrates. Instead of confining itself to weaving entanglements along the hedgerows it marches like an invading army across country.

During the last few years the blackberry in New Zealand has encroached upon nearly 100,000 acres of valuable dairying land, and thousands of pounds have been spent on vain efforts to defeat it.

The Empire Marketing Board has now granted £2,000 annually for five years for entomological research by the Cawthron Institute at Nelson into the control of noxious weeds and especially the blackberry, and the New Zealand Government and the Cawthron Institute have each contributed £1,000 annually for this period.

The storm troops in the campaign are to be insects sent to New Zealand to eat up the blackberry.

population, stressed the opportunities afforded them in the continental United States. The Porto Ricans, he points out, are United States citizens and free to pass from state to state without restriction. A universal training of the youth in Porto Rico would enable them to recognise these opportunities.

"The material betterment of those leaving the island in response to labour demands in the states," he concludes, "will obviously improve the outlook of those remaining. The great relief to the budget will not be the least public advantage of the relief from unemployment."—*Associated Press.*

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Budapest, November 2.—Hungary has been this week the sport of strange weather vagaries. Last Tuesday snow fell and lay in some suburbs of the city for over 36 hours. On Saturday the temperature rose to 20 degrees Celsius, an average June heat. In the famous vineyards on the Somlo mountains the grapes have been picked with eight inches of snow on the ground, while from Biehar comes the news that all the apple trees in one village have blossomed and that small fruit is now showing. In Csongrad a cherry-tree which blossomed for the second time in July is bearing ripe fruit.

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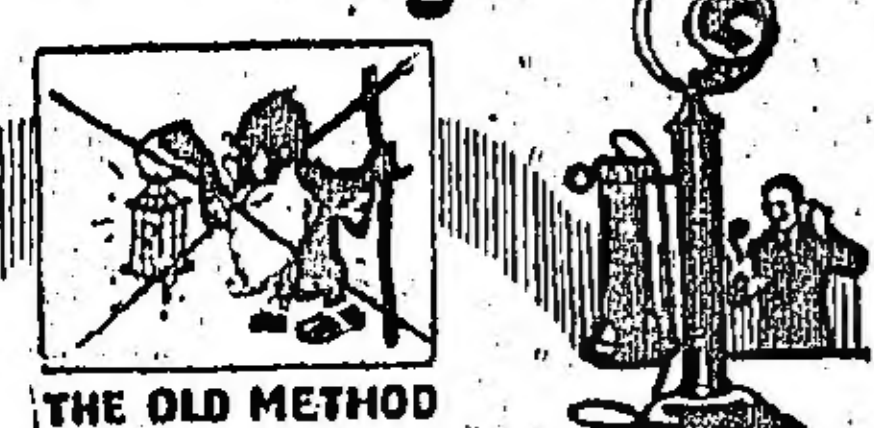
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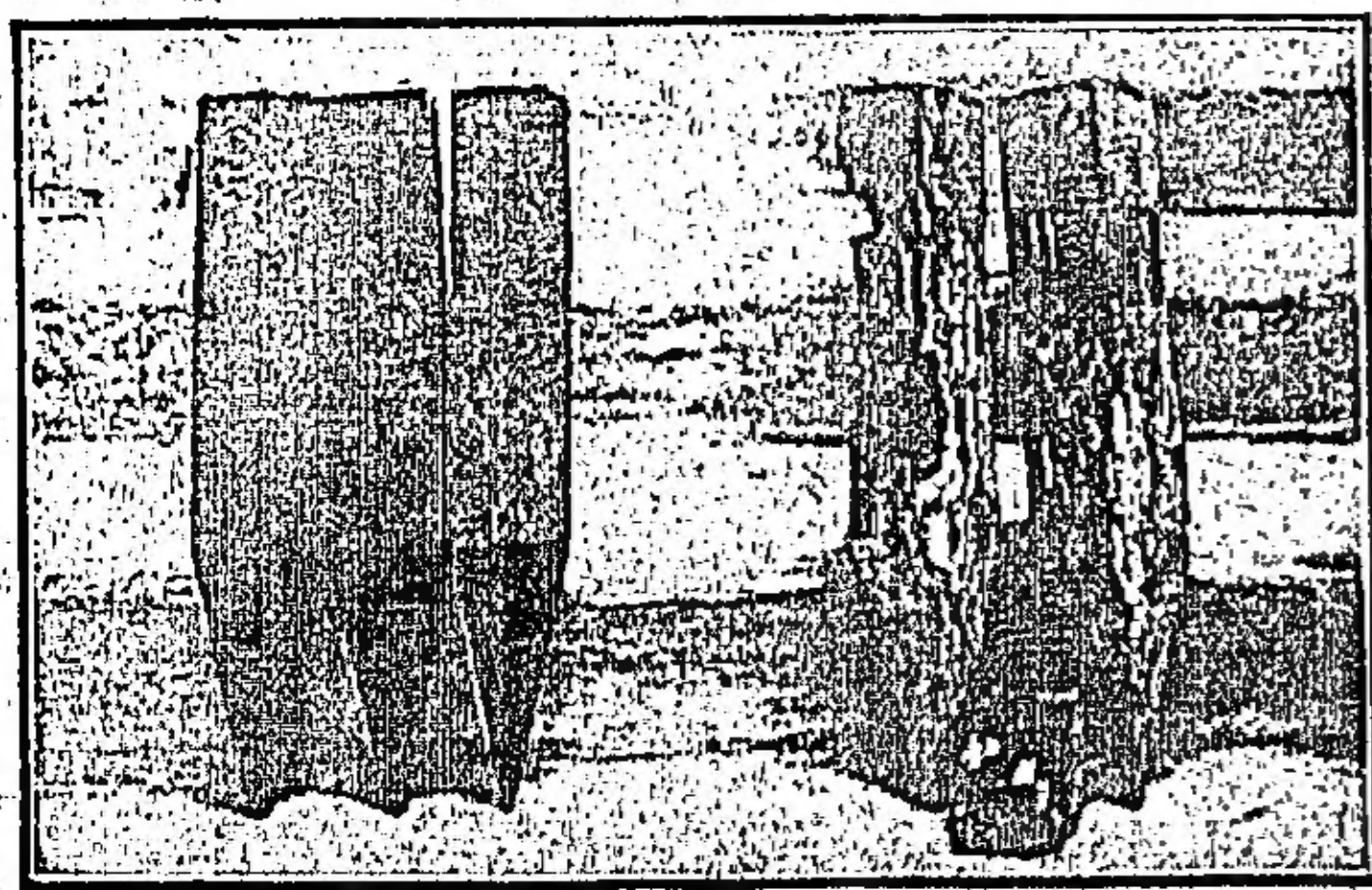
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## MONKEY FLESH.

SOLD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

The Sanitary Board, at yesterday's meeting, discussed the question of the sale in the Colony of monkey-flesh for human food. The matter arose out of two questions, of which Mr. J. P. Braga had given notice:

(a) Will the President be good enough to cause inquiries to be made into the truth or otherwise of the report that monkeys are killed in Hongkong and their flesh sold as food for human consumption?

(b) If it is found that monkey-flesh is sold for human food, will the Government favourably consider the enacting of a by-law prohibiting such sale of monkey-flesh?

## The Chairman's Reply.

The Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) replied as follows:

My attention was drawn to this traffic in 1922 and I have no reason to believe that it has since stopped. Neither the Medical Officer of Health nor the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon sees any objection to it on hygienic grounds and provided the purchaser, as I am satisfied he is, knows what he is buying. Market by-law 15, of course prohibits the sale of such meat in the Markets.

As regards the second question, it would appear to be impossible to prohibit the sale of this meat by a by-law made under section 16 (32) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, unless it were proved that no such meat can be wholesome, and still less does sub-section (21) of the same section apply. Special legislation would accordingly be necessary, and I am to say that the Government will give full consideration to any recommendation made by the Board on this subject.

Mr. Braga said: I was prompted to ask the questions to which the President has just kindly answered, not from a public health point of view. It was at the instance of certain Chinese ladies, and men also, that I have brought to the notice of the Board the fact that monkey-flesh is sold for food in the Colony. As far as I understand there is a sentimental objection against the killing of monkeys for food. A further objection that has been represented to me, is the fact that the very idea is repugnant to the susceptibilities of a certain class of people who claim that their objections should merit consideration. There is a great deal to be said in favour of their objections; but I will limit myself to one point only and that is if the epicurean palates of a certain type of gourmands must be satisfied, let it be done but not at the expense of the reasonable objections from people whose opinions are entitled to consideration.

## An Advertisement.

I will read a rough translation of an advertisement which has appeared in a local Chinese newspaper announcing the sale of monkey-flesh for the medicinal value it is claimed to possess. I will admit it is a subtle method of advertising. There is a certain sense of humour in calling a stew of monkey-flesh seasoned with herbs by the warlike announcement of a "meeting of the King of Monkeys and the Five War Leaders." I wonder if the advertiser claims for his soup of monkey-flesh the rejuvenating qualities of the gland of the same animal.

The advertisement is in the following terms:

"(Shop Name, meaning, Gem of Health-Preservation.) Those who wish to preserve and strengthen their bodies please note.

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Truly worth eating. Meeting of the King of Monkeys and the Five War Leaders. In monkey-flesh and five other kinds of meat, or five strong medicine (drugs).

Three kinds of snake with soup. Fox flesh with soup.

Monkey-flesh with soup.

Various kinds of prepared bird food; too many to be enumerated.

Purchase welcomed. Can be delivered to the house. Please try.

Large quantities of snakes, foxes, and strange birds, newly arrived, for sale.

(Shop Name).

Hollywood Road."

Chinese Views.

The Chairman remarked that he did not know whether the Chinese representatives were prepared to give their views on the subject.

This was, he hoped, a purely Chinese matter.

Mr. Braga welcomed the opinions of the Chinese members. He was speaking from a detached point of view, but had been asked to bring the matter up by certain

Chinese members of the community.

Dr. Tso said that every community had its own particular tastes. Some liked to eat snakes. He would hardly call monkey food as fit for general human consumption, and he did not think there was a shop that sold it openly.

The demand for this particular flesh was very small indeed and only a few individuals with peculiar tastes consumed it. Chinese, generally, abhorred eating food of this kind. He was afraid that they could not legislate for the peculiarities of people's tastes.

What monkey food was eaten, was taken quite secretly. He would like to make it clear that it was not one of the staple foods of the Chinese. The majority of the Chinese were entirely against the taking of this kind of food and he was personally very strongly opposed to it, but he did not see how they could legislate on sentiment. It was on very rare occasions that they saw an advertisement like Mr. Braga had produced. He quite agreed that the whole thing was disgusting, but at the same time he assured them that very few Chinese indeed had acquired the taste.

Buddhist Objections.

Mr. Braga said Dr. Tso had made one point to which he should like to reply and that was in regard to secret sale. It seemed to be a secret sale when it was advertised in a prominent, and, he might say, in a vulgar manner in a public newspaper circulating in the Colony.

The argument regarding secrecy therefore did not apply. If it was true that only a few ate monkey-flesh, then it seemed to him that in a civilised community they should not pander to the tastes of the few and thus give the community a name of not being a very refined one. There was no need for monkey-flesh when the Colony's markets were stocked sufficiently with meat and other kinds of food.

One point he wished to elaborate was that it was represented to him as a strong argument that the Buddhists refused to touch it.

Dr. S. C. Ho: The Buddhists do not eat any animals at all.

Mr. Braga proceeded to say that the Buddhists had a particular dislike to monkey-flesh being advertised for sale. He thought that if Dr. Tso continued his enquiries, he would find that monkey-flesh was sold in fair quantities in Hollywood Road and the locality.

If it was the wish of the Board, then legislation should be introduced to stop it.

Used As A Tonic.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that two points emerged. One was that people who ate monkey flesh did not do so as an alternative to a pork diet, but as a special form of tonic or medicine to give them certain warlike virtues. The second point was that the only objections raised were sentimental, objections, and he hardly thought it was for the Board to consider a question of sentiment. The obvious channel for any objection to this particular traffic seemed to him through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and it would be carefully considered no doubt by the Government after taking the best Chinese advice on the subject. He did not think the Board should go any further in the matter, although it was perfectly open for any member to table a motion.

Dr. Tso remarked that if he remembered rightly the question had already been before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. Braga thought it would do good to draw public attention to the matter. Although he kept in pretty close touch with things generally in the Colony, he was not aware that representations had been made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs on this subject.

The discussion then dropped.

## SANITARY BOARD.

REPLIES TO MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board held in the Post Office building, yesterday afternoon. There were also present Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Dr. G. E. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Secretary) and Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

Monkey Flesh.

A discussion on the sale of monkey flesh in the Colony for human food, is reported in another column.

Water Closets.

Mr. J. P. Braga, in accordance with notice given, asked:

(a) Is the President aware that dissatisfaction exists at the length of time taken in the consideration of applications for installing water closets, and is it not possible to expedite such consideration in future?

(b) Is it a fact that, when applications for installing water closets are refused, the answer to the applicants is usually given in a stereotyped form without any explicit reasons being stated for such refusal?

(c) Is it not practicable in future to state the grounds on which an application is turned down so as to enable applicants to meet any technical or other objections with a view to a reconsideration of their applications?

The Chairman replied as follows:

1. I am not aware of any general dissatisfaction, at the time taken in considering applications for water closets, though I am occasionally asked to investigate the causes of alleged delays. From an examination of a very large number of such applications, I am satisfied that no undue delay ever occurs at the Secretariat of the Board. The Secretary has also a system of periodical reminders which is aimed at the acceleration of papers in process of circulation to members of the Board's Standing Committee.

2 and 3. In notifying applicants of the Board's refusal to allow an installation, the Secretary is bound only by the instructions of the Board's Standing Committee. There is no stereotyped letter of refusal, though I understand that the Standing Committee frequently instructs the Secretary to refuse an application without giving specific reasons. If the Board decides to modify the terms of reference on the composition of this Standing Committee, I consider that this should be the subject of a separate motion.

Dr. Tso remarked that as member of the sub-committee he could say that the Board frequently gave reasons for refusal.

Secretary.

A minute by the President was laid on the table relative to the appointment of Mr. D. Davies as Secretary of the Sanitary Board and Mr. J. Watson as assistant Secretary.

Convenience.

Objection was raised by the Hon. Mr. Creasy to an application for the erection of three European and one native type water closets and one urinal at No. 22 Bonham Strand West, on the ground that the construction of the building was not suitable for these conveniences. Mr. Creasy promised to explain the plans to members at a later meeting.

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2 and 3. In notifying applicants of the Board's refusal to allow an installation, the Secretary is bound only by the instructions of the Board's Standing Committee. There is no stereotyped letter of refusal, though I understand that the Standing Committee frequently instructs the Secretary to refuse an application without giving specific reasons. If the Board decides to modify the terms of reference on the composition of this Standing Committee, I consider that this should be the subject of a separate motion.

Dr. Tso remarked that as member of the sub-committee he could say that the Board frequently gave reasons for refusal.

Secretary.

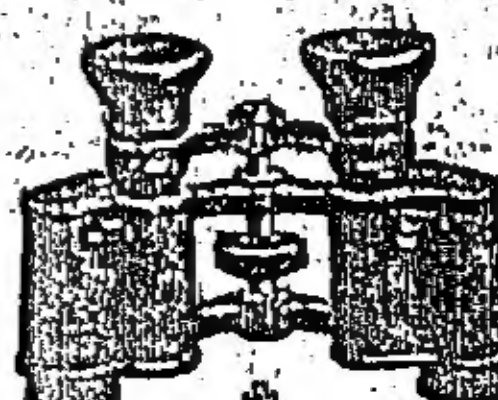
A minute by the President was laid on the table relative to the appointment of Mr. D. Davies as Secretary of the Sanitary Board and Mr. J. Watson as assistant Secretary.

Convenience.

Objection was raised by the Hon. Mr. Creasy to an application for the erection of three European and one native type water closets and one urinal at No. 22 Bonham Strand West, on the ground that the construction of the building was not suitable for these conveniences. Mr. Creasy promised to explain the plans to members at a later meeting.

Gust Comstock, 30, a barber shop porter, recently drank himself into a new world's championship, 62 Minnesota, U.S.A., consuming 62 tablesize cups of coffee, defeating eleven competitors who passed out of the race after the 27th cup.

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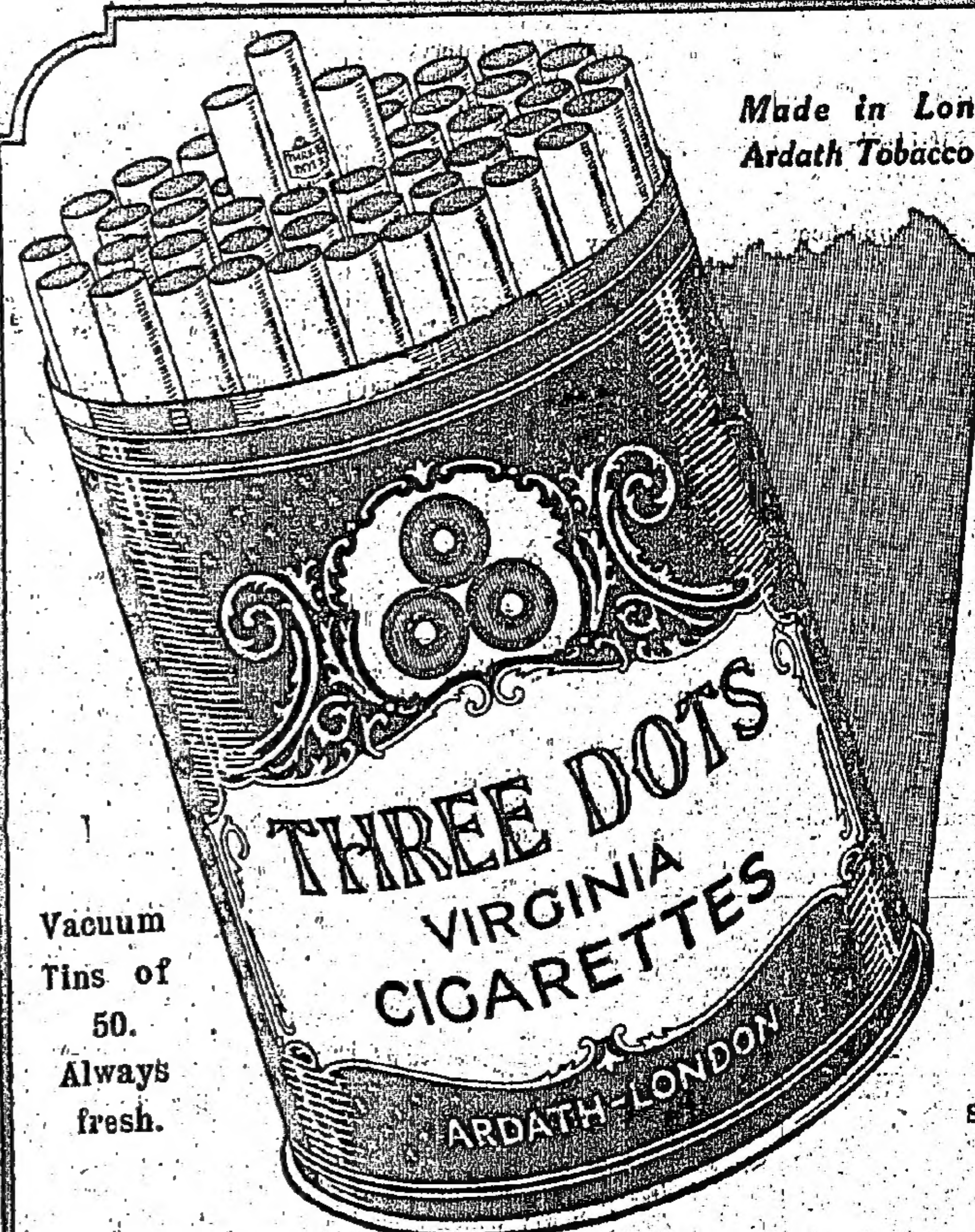
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# THE WORLD OF SPORT

## CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

No League matches were played last Saturday, but lovers of the game were entertained to some very bright cricket over the holidays. Considerable interest was centred around the Club versus Army match, and it is on such occasions as this that the ordinary League player invariably turns out to pick up what tips he can from the best experts in the Colony. Those who were at the Club ground on Monday, were indeed fortunate, as a few of the first-class batsmen were seen in particularly good form.

Taking into consideration that the batting generally was of the highest order, Vallack's bowling deserves special mention. A slow left-handed bowler, he can make the ball break both ways, and it is usually in the important games that he is seen to best advantage.

Although he was not the highest scorer of the day, credit must be given to Hayward for the best played innings. He upheld his reputation as the most reliable opening batsman in the Colony. Capt. Dobbie, the Army all-rounder, was very much in the picture most of the time, while Capt. Morris played a pretty innings for his century.

A very much talked-of event amongst the Pokfulam cricketers is their annual match against the Past Pupils on New Year's day. For some years now, the Undergrads had the better of the exchanges, but it is felt that this time they will not have things too much their own way. A very close game is expected.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

CENTURY BY R. A. O. C. PLAYER.

Of the score of 211 runs made by the R.A.O.C. team against the University seconds at Pokfulam on Monday, the first three batsmen for the visitors made no less than 178 runs, the remaining players making only 27 between them.

S. S. Walker played a very forceful game, scoring 20 fours and one six in his innings of 107. Pte. Lake made 39 runs including one six and six fours. The other notable contributor was L. C. Roberts, who scored 32.

There were some substantial scores made by the University players, but they were unable to reach the total of 211 made by the military team, the last wicket falling at 186 runs. Zimmerman (30), Kermari (47) and Hipocola (33) were mainly responsible for the University total. Lake took five wickets for 66 runs in 21 overs, five of which were maidens. Sunday's Match.

On Sunday afternoon the Indian R. C. met the Indian Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade in a drawn game. The Club made 168 runs. A. S. A. Currier took eight of the I. R. C. wickets. The Ambulance men replied with 70 for four wickets. A. H. Rumjahn making 28 not out.

The Indian Staff of the Hongkong Electric Company defeated the European Staff on the Indian Recreation Club ground on Monday.

## GOLF.

FANLING CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The results of the Fanling Christmas meeting have just been announced.

There were no less than 78 entries in the bogey pool competition. The prize was divided between R. E. Greensmith (13) and H. R. Cleland (17), with a score of two down, the next best cards being returned by A. H. Ferguson, A. K. Mackenzie, L. C. Comm. Farr, H. U. Ireland and A. D. Humphreys, all four down.

Five cards were taken out in the special medal round on Sunday, but none were returned.

Subject to confirmation of handicaps, the winners in the mixed bogey were T. S. and Mrs. Whyte Smith and A. B. Raworth and Miss Robinson, who tied with cards of 5 up. There were twenty-five entries in this competition.

## ATHLETICS.

INDIAN SCHOOL SPORTS.

Some excellent sport was witnessed at the annual athletic meeting of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians yesterday afternoon on the Indian Recreation Club's ground. The results were:

High Jump (Senior).—1st, Dost Mohamed; 2nd, Hari Singh; 3rd, S. M. Rumjahn.

High Jump (Junior).—1st, A. K. Sufiad; 2nd, H. Ahmed and M. Rahman.

Three-Legged Race (Senior).—1st, S. Hassan and L. R. Marker; 2nd, Obadullah and A. Bahoo.

Three-Legged Race (Junior).—1st, M. Rahman and S. Yusuf; 2nd, O. R. Sadick and A. K. Sufiad.

100 Yards (Senior). School Challenge Cup.—1st, S. Hassan; 2nd, Hari Singh.

100 Yards (Junior).—1st, H. Ahmed; 2nd, O. R. Sadick.

Sack Race (Senior).—1st, A. Hassan; 2nd, A. R. Abbas.

Sack Race (Junior).—1st, M. Rahman; 2nd, R. Kitchell.

220 Yards Race (Senior). Challenge Cup.—1st, S. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, S. Hassan.

220 Yards Race (Junior).—1st, O. R. Sadick; 2nd, H. Ahmed.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, A. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, Dost Mohamed.

Class 8 Race.—1st, A. B. Hassan; 2nd, Jernail Singh.

Half Mile (Senior). Fred Ellis Challenge Cup.—1st, Dost Mohamed; 2nd, S. M. Rumjahn.

Quarter Mile (Junior). Wing On Challenge Cup.—1st, H. Ahmed; 2nd, M. Rahman.

Class 7 Race.—1st, Dawood Ali; 2nd, A. R. Razack.

Arithmetic Race.—1st, S. M. Rumjahn; 2nd, Amur Singh.

Masters' Race.—Mr. Fung Pak One Mile, Ellis Kadoorie Cup.—1st, A. K. Karamet; 2nd, Darshan Singh.

Old Boys' Race, Half Mile.—1st, M. Ismail; 2nd, O. M. Omar.

Consolation Race.—Hari Singh. The Challenge Cup presented by Mr. U. Rumjahn was won by Dost Mohamed with an aggregate of 8 points. S. M. Rumjahn was a close second with 7 points.

At the conclusion of the events, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Riston, wife of the Headmaster of the School.

## LAWN TENNIS.

UNIVERSITY PAST AND PRESENT.

The Past students beat the Present at the University annual tennis contest yesterday afternoon, by 54 games to 45.

Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung lost to Rumjahn and Tottenham 5-6, beat Redmond and Forster 6-5, beat H. C. Hung and T. C. Lu 9-2.

Yew Man-tsun and Wei Wing-lok beat Rumjahn and Tottenham 6-5, beat Redmond and Forster 9-2, beat H. C. Hung and T. C. Lu 8-3.

H. C. Hunt and W. Gittens lost to Rumjahn and Tottenham 3-8, lost to Redmond and Forster 3-8, lost to H. C. Hung and T. C. Lu 5-6.

An offer by the Empire Marketing Board of \$2,000 annually for five years for research by the Cawthron Institute in New Zealand for the entomological control of noxious weeds, especially the blackberry, on condition that the New Zealand Government and the Cawthron Institute contribute \$1,000 annually, has been accepted. It is proposed to send insects to New Zealand to eat up the blackberry.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLES.

London, Dec. 28.  
To-day's English league results, together with league tables to date, are appended:

Division I	
Arsenal	1 Manchester Un. 0
Aston Villa	5 Leeds 0
Derby	3 West Ham 0
Liverpool	3 Bolton 2
Wednesday	3 Tottenham 1

Burnley	23 12 6 5 58 37 30
Newcastle	22 12 5 5 56 32 29
Sunderland	24 12 5 7 55 39 29
Huddersfield	22 11 3 4 53 34 27
Leicester	22 10 6 6 53 42 26
Bolton	22 10 5 7 45 31 25
West Ham	22 10 4 8 37 31 24
Tottenham	23 9 6 8 49 43 24
Wednesday	23 9 6 8 41 46 24
Aston Villa	23 9 4 10 46 46 22
Arsenal	22 7 8 7 38 42 22
Sheffield Utd.	22 6 8 4 40 49 22
Manch. Un.	22 8 6 8 30 39 22
Liverpool	22 9 3 10 35 36 21
Birmingham	22 9 3 10 26 33 21
Leeds Un.	22 8 4 10 44 45 20
Bury	22 6 8 8 38 43 20
Blackburn	22 8 4 10 39 58 20
Derby	22 9 1 12 42 38 19
Cardiff	22 7 4 11 28 38 18
Everton	24 5 13 40 58 16
West Brom	22 4 6 15 29 54 11

Division II	
Barnsley	5 Fulham 0
Middlesbrough	21 14 2 5 64 37 30
Hull	22 13 3 6 32 15 29
Notts For.	22 11 7 4 41 30 29
Swansea	22 11 7 4 42 32 29
Preston	21 11 6 4 43 32 28
Southampton	22 11 5 6 41 33 27
Portsmouth	22 11 5 6 39 32 26
Chelsea	22 10 6 6 39 32 26
Manch City	22 11 3 8 52 37 25
Port Vale	23 8 8 7 44 42 24
Oldham	22 10 4 8 34 32 24
Blackpool	22 8 4 10 47 42 20
Reading	21 7 5 9 33 35 19
Fulham	22 7 5 11 31 48 19
Sth. Shields	20 7 4 9 38 33 18
Wolves	22 5 6 11 39 40 16
Darlington	23 6 4 13 41 50 15
Grimsby	20 5 6 9 28 38 16
Barnsley	21 6 4 11 34 58 16
Notts County	21 7 1 13 35 51 15
Clapton	21 5 4 12 29 50 14
Bradford	21 5 2 15 24 46 10

Division III (South)	
Bristol R.	3 Exeter 1
Northampton	2 Luton 1
Coventry	1 Swindon 3
Watford	2 Millwall 1
Swindon	21 15 4 2 61 35 34
Brighton	19 13 4 2 45 19 30
Bristol C.	20 12 5 3 53 29 29
Millwall	22 12 5 6 51 34 29
Plymouth	21 10 6 5 40 30 26
Newport	21 11 3 7 26 31 26
Luton	20 9 5 6 36 34 23
Brentford	19 9 4 6 44 40 22
Southend	20 10 2 8 41 35 22
Exeter	20 8 4 8 40 32 20
Crystal Pal.	19 7 5 7 33 32 19
Watford	21 9 1 11 31 37 19
Norwich	21 7 5 9 36 46 19
Merthyr	20 7 10 30 33 17
Bournemouth	19 6 8 32 36 17
Bristol R.	21 6 10 30 36 17
Q. P. R.	21 6 3 12 36 15 17
Coventry	21 7 1 13 30 52 15
Charlton	18 5 4 9 23 10 15
Gillingham	20 5 4 11 25 35 14
Northants	22 5 4 13 30 47 14
Aberdeen	21 3 2 16 25 56 8

Division III (North)	
Stoke	21 14 5 2 56 17 33
Rochdale	21 13 4 4 35 34 30
Stockport	19 12 3 4 45 22 27
Nelson	18 11 4 3 52 27 26
Bradford	21 11 4 6 44 31 26
Chesterfield	20 11 3 6 49 34 25
N. Brighton	21 9 7 5 41 29 25
Halifax	19 8 3 30 22 24
Tranmere	20 9 3 8 34 30 21
Rotherham	21 7 6 8 38 44 20
Durham	21 8 3 10 25 26 19
Walsall	20 6 7 7 32 43 19
Southport	20 6 8 8 34 39 18
Ashington	20 6 8 8 29 46 18
Wrexham	20 6 5 9 29 37 17
Hartlepool	21 7 3 11 31 37 17
Doncaster	19 6 5 8 31 47 17
Crewe	20 5 10 30 33 15
Lincoln	21 3 9 9 39 45 15
Wigan	21 5 3 13 31 43 13
Accrington	21 4 3 14 28 40 11
Barrow	19 1 6 12 14 53 8

Scottish League.	
Motherwell	20 13 3 4 44 24 29
Celtic	18 12 4 2 55 19 28
Rangers	19 11 4 4 48 25 26
Aberdeen	21 10 6 5 48 36 26
Dundee	19 9 6 4 45 23 24
Falkirk	20 9 5 6 46 27 23
Airdrie	20 9 5 6 46 27 23
Partick	20 9 4 7 52 33 22
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Morton	20 6 3 11 26 59 15
Queen's Park	20 6 2 11 27 47 14
Clyde	20 4 5 11 31 44 13
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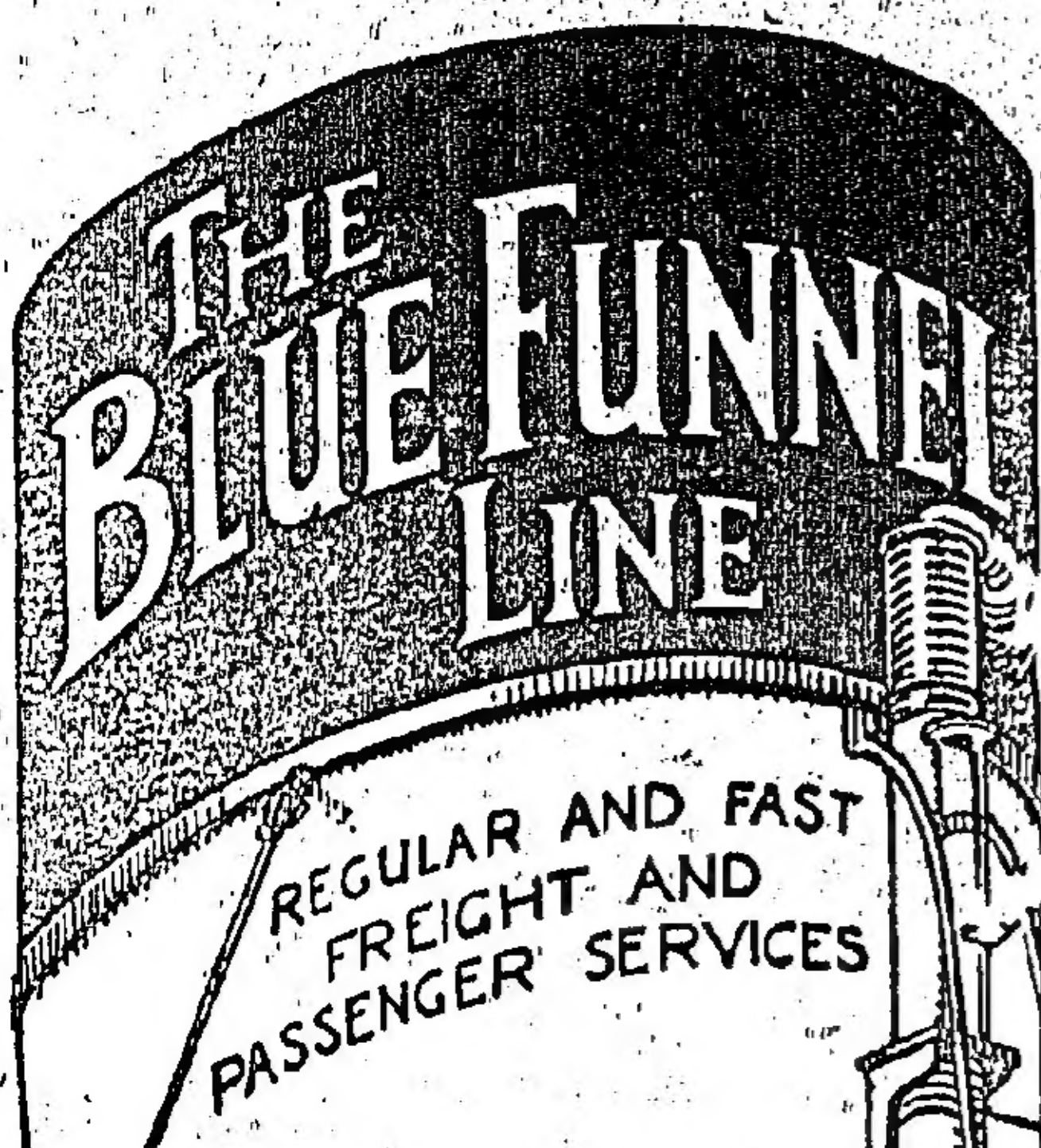
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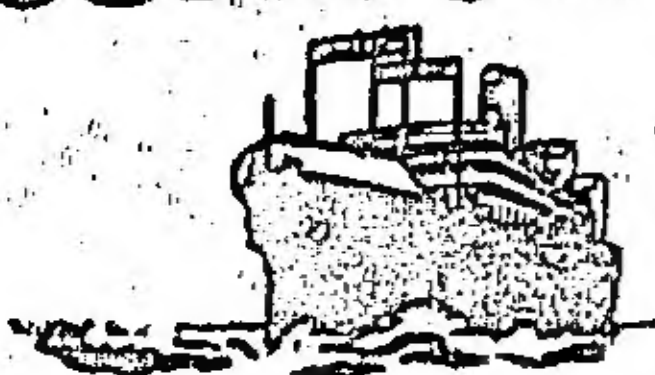
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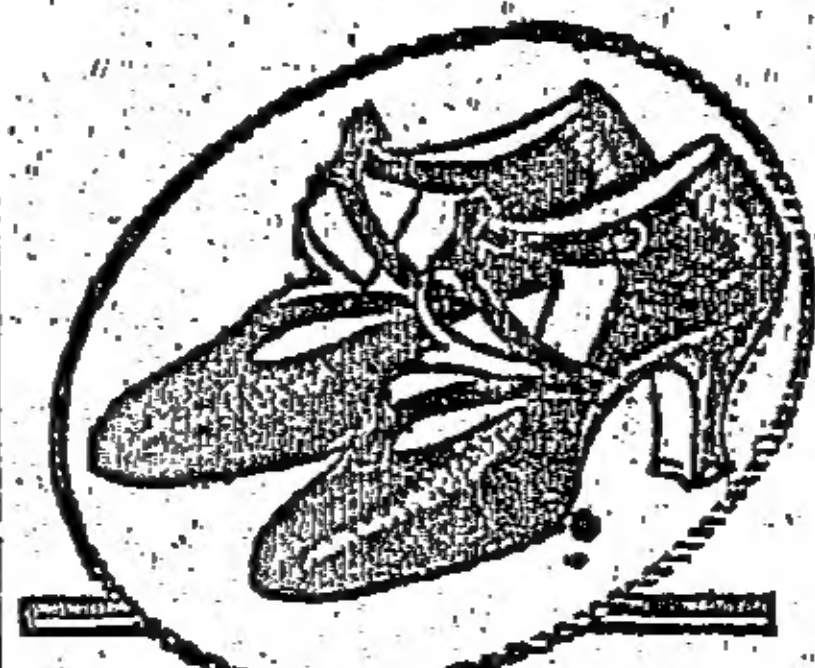
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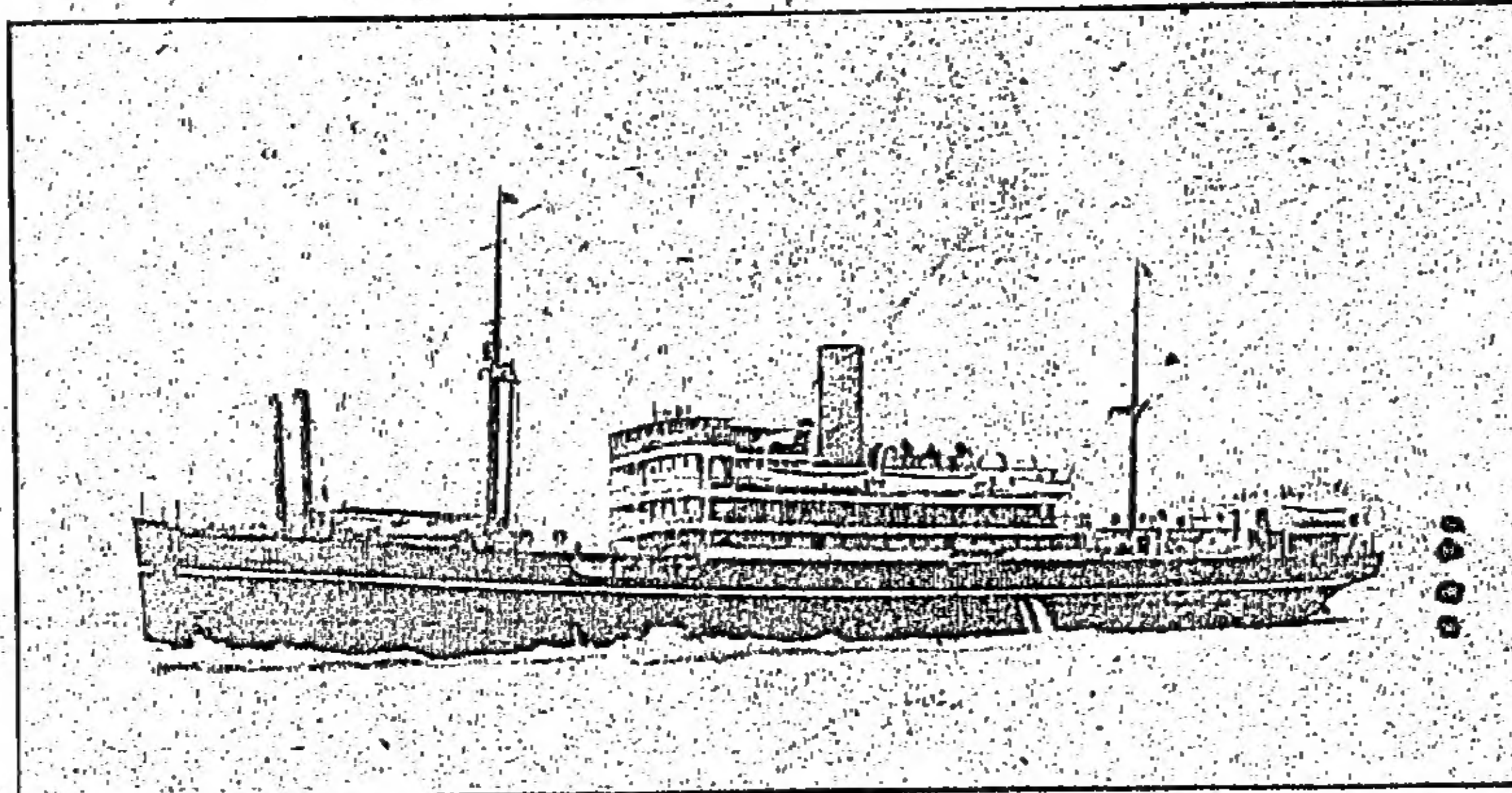
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## BRITAIN'S POLICY.

HOME NEWSPAPER  
 COMMENT.

London, Dec. 28.  
 Comment is published in this morning's papers on the British Memorandum to the Powers.

The *Morning Post* declares the document is both a plain statement of British Policy towards China and a cordial invitation to other interested Powers to manifest equal consistency in their dealings with the Chinese people. "The British Government in its Memorandum frankly recognises that the Cantonese Nationalist aims are inspired by a legitimate desire for the independence of China, with which the Government has always been in sympathy."

The *Daily Mail* describes the proposals on the whole as moderate and judicious and says they can be accepted as a fair statement of principles which should be followed in Britain's dealings with China. Referring to the seizure of railways it declares that it may be wise to recognise the realities of the case and abandon the contractual privileges, which we admit are indefensible. Such an arrangement can be justified if it can form the basis of regularising the position in Canton.

The *Daily Telegraph* declares that the experience of the Peking Customs conference has been intentionally disregarded in the memorandum and adds that so far as the primary intention of the tariff conference is concerned it has already been broken beyond repair. "Any reshaping of the eternal treadmill of self interest and misunderstanding will only result in widening the breach which an unfortunate conference dug between a friendly nation and the rest of the world."

The *Daily Chronicle* hopes that the statement will help to dispel the false impression of British policy which has prevailed in China, causing anti-British feeling.

**Moderation.**  
 The *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial says if the British Government courageously persists in the spirit of its note to the Powers in regard to China, the chance of coming to some honourable, satisfactory arrangement with China is better than for a long time past.

The whole note breathes the spirit of moderation and wisdom, which is as humane as politic, the British Government in effect asking the Canton Government to come to a sensible interim arrangement until some authority has definitely established itself as the Government of China.

That is a fair offer, and if the Cantonese, confident of their power, seize Shanghai and Peking, they may be willing to accept it; but the Nationalists are in a hurry and not always content with what is reasonable. Possibly the British proposals will meet with delays owing to disagreements among the Powers. If it proves impossible to maintain a united front among the Powers, one gains the impression that Britain will no longer be willing to abandon its viewpoint simply for the sake of unanimity.—*Reuter*.

**Favourable American Comment.**  
 New York, Dec. 28.  
 The British memorandum on China has been well received in the United States, judging by newspaper comment.

The *New York World* declares the memorandum shows a liberal policy, combined with good sense, and states the British are realistic enough to recognise the day when the illiberal policy in the Far East has gone forever.

The *New York Times* is of opinion the document indicates complete disavowal of force in settling the Chinese difficulty, and ends the grotesque picture painted by some ill-informed friends of China of predatory nations eagerly awaiting a chance to pounce down on China and despoil her. It adds, "Would anyone imagine a more patient or more forbearing policy than that marked out by the British Government?" — *Reuter's American Service*.

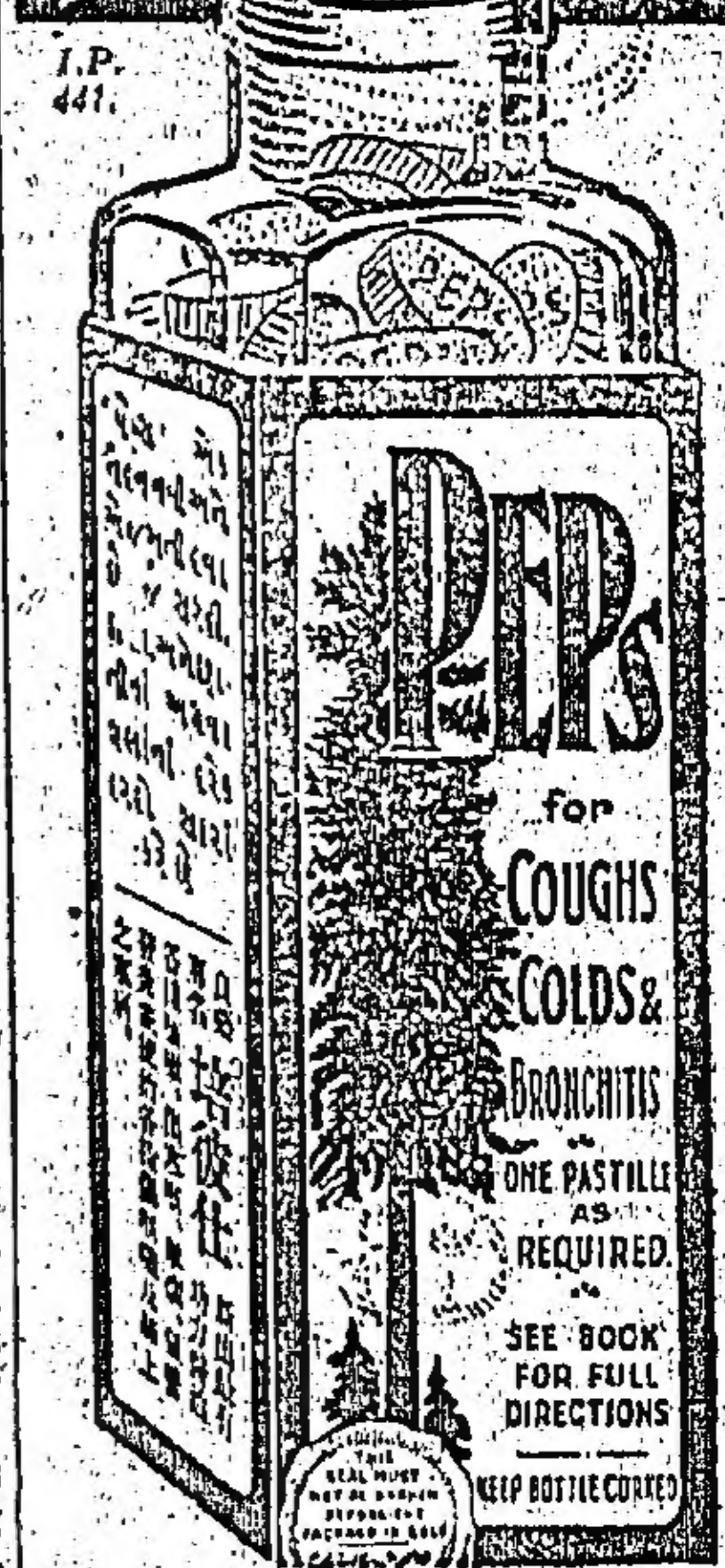
## French Press Views.

Paris, Dec. 28.  
 According to the *Petit Parisien*, the Ministerial Council will examine the British memorandum on China this morning.

The *Matin* opines that Britain has made very definite concessions to the Cantonese, and adds, "Doubtless Mr. Miles Lampson in his recent conversations with Mr. Eugene Chen proposed that Britain would recognise the Canton Government provided the Nationalists undertook to abolish likin. The Cantonese refused point-blank and thus the British Government, finding itself unable to achieve anything alone, has urged the other Powers to lend their support."

The *Figaro* says the British policy shows a peaceful, conciliatory spirit. The latest proposals do not come too late, though the *Figaro* opines the Nationalists both in the north and south will probably reject them.—*Reuter*.

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## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

## Banks.

Hongkong, \$1120 sa.  
Chartered, Bank, \$21 s.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.  
Mercantile C., \$134 n.  
P. and O., \$24 b.  
East Asia, \$84 n.

## Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 b.  
China Underwriters, \$145 sa.  
North China, Tls. 145 n.  
Union Ins., 290 n.  
Yankee Ins., \$45 s.

## Fire Ins.

China Fire, \$200 b.  
Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

## Shipping

Douglases, \$284 b.  
Steamboats, \$26 n.  
Tugs, \$1 b.  
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 b.  
Shell Trans., 90/- n.  
Star Ferries, \$57 n.  
Waterboats, \$154 b.

## Refineries.

China Sugars, \$25 s.  
Malapans, \$36 n.

## Mining.

Benguet, \$140 n.  
Kailans, 38/- n.  
Langkats, Tls. 25 b.  
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.  
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8.00 n.  
Raub, \$44 n.  
Tronohs, 21/- b.  
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$115 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.  
Hongkows, Tls. 170 n.  
New Engineerings, Tls. 5.40 n.  
Shanghai Docks Tls. 111 b.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9 s.  
H.K. Lands, \$55 s.  
Realty, \$6.15 b.  
Territorials, \$3 s.  
Humphreys, \$14 s.  
Princes Eldgs, \$89 n.  
Rural Lands, \$1 n.

## Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 8.85 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 21 s.  
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

## Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$94 b.  
Tramways, \$214 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$154 b.  
S'pore Tractions 15/- s.  
Taxis, \$2 s.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16. b.  
Canton Loes, \$5 n.  
Cements (Comb.), \$10 s.  
China Lights, \$164 s.  
China Prov., \$5.25 n.  
Constructions, \$1.90 b.  
Dairy Farms, \$184 n.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
H'kong Electrics, \$574 n.  
Macao Electrics, \$35 n.  
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.  
Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.  
Mackintosh, \$194 n.  
Sinceres, \$94 s.  
United Asbestos, \$20 s.  
Watsons, \$13 n.  
Powers, \$64 n.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## NOTICE

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so super-scribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express Train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

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## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	December 29.
Straits	Takada	December 29.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	December 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada	December 30.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mirzapore	December 30.
Shanghai	Lianchow	December 30.
Straits	Van Overstraten	December 30.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Autolycus	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	December 31.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	January 2.
Australia and Manila	Arafura	January 3.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Adams	January 3.
Shanghai	Amazona	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	January 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	January 7.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung	Wed., Dec. 28, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Straits	Glentara	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tuan	Thurs., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikarang	Thurs., Dec. 30, 11.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Laisang	Thurs., Dec. 30, noon.
	Letters	January 1 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed via Siberia only)

Strait	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	St. Albans	Fri., Dec. 31, 1.45 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	(Due Thursday Island Jan. 15, 1927).	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mingsang	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.

Hakone Maru ..... Sat., January 1.  
Registration ..... 8.45 a.m.  
Letters ..... 9.30 a.m.  
(Due Marseilles 30th January).

Shanghai ..... Sinkiang ..... Sat., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.  
Swatow and Bangkok ..... Sun., Jan. 2, 8.30 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Sun., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.  
Straits and Calcutta ..... Hosang ..... Mon., Jan. 3, noon.

Amoy ..... Suiyang ..... Mon., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haihong ..... Tues., Jan. 4, noon.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles ..... Amazona ..... Tues., Jan. 4, 1.45 p.m.  
Letters ..... 2.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 4th Feb., 1927).

## CLAIM FOR \$500.

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Imports and Exports Department after the Chinese New Year.

His Lordship remarked that it was clear that the salary account was not finally closed until after the work was done. It was agreed that there were no accounts in the firm, and the accounting work had been deliberately left to look after itself until the end of May.

## JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Mr. Leask replied that the plaintiff was claiming something that he could not prove a contract for, and he could not be satisfied that the defendant did not in fact act as an accountant. He was responsible for the books, and the whole of his previous experience, as he admitted, was in the capacity of accountant. He submitted that the plaintiff had not made out a case for additional remuneration. His Lordship intimated that he would deliver judgment on Friday.

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This target-practice order is but one more indication of the grim situation in which Detroit citizens find themselves owing to the attraction which the colossal

wealth amassed by the motor-car industry has exercised recently on bandits from all parts of the country. Bankers and manufacturers are convinced that their only defence against robbers under arms is a reversion to the justice of frontier days when outlaws were peppered full of holes or strung to the nearest tree.

Only 33 Killed.

This year 16 banks have been robbed. There have been innumerable robberies of wages in bulk. Though the police have shot down 133 bandits, only 33 have been killed. This percentage, the authorities feel, must be promptly corrected, since in the shooting 6 policemen were killed and 16 wounded.